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**Audited Annual Financial Statements and
Management's Discussion and Analysis**
(Prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP)

AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's Discussion and Analysis should be read in conjunction with the accompanying audited annual financial statements. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. All dollar amounts are presented in US dollars unless otherwise specified.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited is an intermediate-sized gold producer centered in one of the mining industry's most favorable political and regulatory environments in the world: Quebec, Canada. In its over 30 year history, Agnico-Eagle has never hedged away increases in the price of gold. Our LaRonde Mine is a proven gold producer with a long reserve life. We have amassed a large land position in one of the most prolific gold producing regions and we have the cash resources and experience to grow reserves and create a multi-mine platform.

The most important driver of financial performance for Agnico-Eagle is the spot price of gold. As we have never sold gold forward, we are positioned to benefit from rising gold prices. Due to the poly-metallic nature of the LaRonde orebody, spot prices of silver, copper and zinc are also key drivers of financial performance. Since the sale of these byproduct metals is important to both revenue and production costs per ounce, we occasionally implement hedging strategies to mitigate the effects of fluctuating prices. We have never sold gold forward because we believe that low-cost production is the best protection against decreasing gold prices. The US\$/C\$ exchange rate is an important financial driver to achieving low-cost production as practically all our operating costs are paid in Canadian dollars. As such, we also use hedging strategies to mitigate the impact of fluctuating exchange rates on our per ounce production costs.

In the last two years, we have encountered some operational challenges at LaRonde. We have fallen short of our production targets due to expansion related problems in 2002 and a rock-fall and production drilling challenges in 2003. However, with the expansion now complete and the implementation of a more focused and more conservative mining plan, we believe we have reduced mining risk and are well positioned to profit from higher gold and by-product metal prices. The production challenges of the past few years have accentuated the risks of reliance on the LaRonde Mine. Our strategy over the next few years will be to reduce our dependence on LaRonde as our sole source of production while still taking advantage of the mine's personnel and infrastructure. Our strategy envisions the development of multiple mines within a short distance of LaRonde with growing reserves and increasing production in one of the most mining friendly areas of the world. With our Lapa property only 7 miles away, and our Goldex property only 35 miles away, and with over 2.8 million ounces of cumulative gold reserves on these properties, we feel we can achieve long term-growth while capitalizing on internal synergies. Our strategy is to capitalize on these opportunities by using the expertise of the LaRonde team, the mine's large processing capacity and the Company's large pool of available tax deductions.

While regional expansion represents the core of our strategy, we continue to seek growth opportunities elsewhere. Our focus will be on politically stable regions and on situations where the expertise developed at LaRonde can add value.

We anticipate that LaRonde will generate strong free cash flow in 2004 and, coupled with our strong working capital position and completely undrawn credit facility, we are in a strong position to achieve our growth strategy. With a world class mine and promising properties in a mining friendly environment, we believe we can build per share value by focusing on these assets while retaining full leverage to rising gold prices.

Highlights

In 2003, an operationally challenging year, we produced 236,653 ounces of gold which was well below our original production target of 375,000 ounces. In the first quarter of 2003, we experienced a rock-fall at the LaRonde Mine in Quebec which forced us to change our mining sequence resulting in a delay in the extraction of higher grade gold mining blocks from the lower part of the mine. The effects of the rock-fall continued to adversely affect production in the second quarter. In the third quarter we faced production drilling challenges and realized lower than planned recoveries in the mill.

Despite these challenges, we achieved significant improvements in operating performance in the fourth quarter of 2003 as 73% of ore production came from the lower level mining horizon. This mining horizon contains ore that has substantially higher gold grades than that of the upper mine and is also substantially richer in copper. Onsite operating costs showed a steady improvement during the quarter and we were also able to

begin accumulating a surface ore stockpile which will mitigate the inherent risks associated with mining and will act as a source of ore should unforeseen events, such as those we faced in 2003, affect mining operations.

The operational challenges in 2003 led to a net loss of \$7.5 million or \$0.17 per share compared to income of \$13.2 million or \$0.07 per share in 2002. Total cash operating costs to produce an ounce of gold were \$269 for 2003 which was above our original estimate of \$125 per ounce and above 2002 total cash operating costs of \$182 per ounce. Total cash operating costs is a non-GAAP measure and is explained in "Results of Operations — Production Costs." Lower production, higher operating costs, and the stronger Canadian dollar were the major contributors to the increased cost per ounce. Other factors that contributed to the 2003 net loss were increased exploration expenditures resulting from the work conducted on the Lapa property, increased amortization, increased interest expense as no interest was capitalized in the current year, increased administrative expenditures and the fact that in 2002, we had a one time gain from the settlement of our senior convertible notes.

In the fourth quarter, as a result of operational improvements, we achieved net earnings of \$5.3 million or \$0.06 cents per share compared to earnings of \$3.4 million or \$(0.06) per share in the fourth quarter of 2002. Compared to 2002, we produced 7% fewer ounces in the fourth quarter of 2003, however revenue increased 32% driven by increased gold and byproduct metal prices. Fourth quarter 2003 earnings also reflected a higher tax recovery than the fourth quarter of 2002. Total cash operating costs in the fourth quarter of 2003 increased to \$220 per ounce of gold produced from \$198 in the same period of 2002 due to lower gold production and a stronger Canadian dollar, offset by higher byproduct revenue.

We ended the year with over \$140 million in working capital, which includes \$110 million in cash. Despite the production difficulties, stronger gold and byproduct prices helped the Company generate positive operating cash flow (before working capital changes) of \$5 million in 2003. Operating cash flow was well below 2002 levels of \$21 million due mainly to the operational challenges and stronger Canadian dollar, offset by increased metal prices. In the fourth quarter of 2003, we generated \$7 million of operating cash flow compared to \$4 million in the fourth quarter of 2002. The increase was mainly due to increased metal prices offset somewhat by the stronger Canadian dollar.

2003 brought exploration success which culminated in record year-end gold reserves of 7.9 million ounces. At LaRonde, not only did we replace 2003 production, but we also increased gold reserves by an additional one million ounces from four to five million ounces of gold. At Lapa, located only 7 miles east of LaRonde, the 2003 drilling program led to a conversion of 1.2 million ounces of gold resource into reserves. At Goldex, located 35 miles east of LaRonde, a new geological model and an independent engineering review led to a year end reserve of 1.6 million ounces of gold. A summary of our year end mineral reserve position can be found on page 19. Driven by this exploration success, the Company also acquired more property along the prolific Cadillac-Bousquet gold belt and the Cadillac-Larder Lake Break immediately to the south.

By the end of 2003, we had addressed LaRonde's operational problems. By the end of the year, we implemented a focused, more conservative mining plan and we ended the year with available cash resources of \$210 million, which includes \$100 million available under our revolving bank facility. We now look forward to 2004 with a renewed focus on implementing our growth strategy.

2004 Outlook

For 2004, we expect to produce 300,000 ounces of gold at total cash operating costs ranging between \$155 and \$165 per ounce. The estimated decline in total cash operating costs is due to the elimination of the El Coco royalty and projected increase in gold and byproduct metal production. Our estimated silver and byproduct copper and zinc production, along with metal price assumptions and sensitivities, can be found in "Results of Operations — Production costs". At an estimated \$340 gold price and US\$/C\$ exchange rate of \$1.30, we expect to generate strong operating cash flow which we will use to fund capital additions at LaRonde and the continued development of our promising Lapa and Goldex properties.

Results of Operations

Revenues from Mining Operations

In 2003, revenue from mining operations increased 18% to \$127 million from \$108 million in 2002. The majority of our revenue is derived from precious metal sales. Sales of gold and silver typically account for more than 80% of Agnico-Eagle's revenue. Revenues from mining operations are accounted for net of related smelting, refining and other charges. In 2003, precious metal sales accounted for 84% of revenue, down, slightly from 87% in 2002. This slight decrease over 2002 was due to surging metal prices in the latter half of the year for byproduct copper and zinc. In 2004, we anticipate precious metal sales to account for 80% of overall revenue. The table below summarizes net revenue by metal:

| | 2003 | 2002 | % Change |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| Gold | \$ 85,566 | \$ 80,177 | 7% |
| Silver | 20,584 | 14,115 | 46% |
| Copper | 6,452 | (1,027) | 728% |
| Zinc | 14,218 | 14,516 | (2)% |
| | <u>\$126,820</u> | <u>\$107,781</u> | 18% |

The increase in gold revenue was due to an 18% increase in realized prices offset by a 9% decrease in gold production. Revenues benefited from a 28% increase in silver production and a 10% increase in realized silver prices. Copper production increased by 126% while copper prices realized increased 17%. In 2002, net copper revenue had a negative effect on total revenue due to historically low copper prices not being sufficient to recover the smelting, refining and transportation charges. However, since a majority of the gold ounces we recover is contained in our copper concentrate, this negative net revenue represents a necessary cost of producing gold. Finally, zinc production declined 7% while realized zinc price increased 12% leaving net zinc revenue essentially unchanged.

Decreased gold production in 2003 was due to a number of factors. In the first quarter of 2003, we experienced a rock-fall which delayed extraction of higher grade gold mining blocks from the lower part of the mine. The affected area stabilized on its own and we were able to recover and process most of the ore. We filled the affected area with cemented rock fill and paste fill to further stabilize the area, and reduced the widths of certain mining blocks to accelerate the establishment of the pyramidal mining sequence. Due to the remedial work conducted in this area, we reduced tonnage from the gold/copper rich lower levels and replaced it with tonnage from the upper zinc/silver rich areas of the mine. This resequencing of production led to increased silver production for 2003. For 2004, most of the production will come from secondary, de-stressed mining blocks which should reduce the risk of such an event reoccurring.

In the third quarter of 2003, we encountered production drilling challenges. Squeezing drill holes slowed down the planned extraction time of mining blocks from the lower part of the mine. These drilling challenges resulted in shortages of ore which lead to numerous "stop-start" cycles in the mill but were resolved in the third and fourth quarters and are not expected to affect production in 2004. To address these drilling challenges, we added two production drills, increased drill hole diameter and changed our blasting method. The new blasting method has been successful in decreasing dilution and improving fragmentation and, coupled with the completion of the Level 219 crushing plant, has improved ore flow and increased productivity.

Although more ore was being mined from the upper areas of the mine, zinc production declined and copper production increased over 2002 as we were able to steadily increase tonnage from the lower levels throughout the year. In the fourth quarter, LaRonde delivered record quarterly production from the lower gold/copper rich levels with 73% of total tonnage processed coming from these levels. This led to fourth quarter production of 70,299 ounces which was 7% lower than the same quarter in 2002 but in line with our expectations.

In light of the operational challenges encountered in 2003, in the fourth quarter, the Company undertook a comprehensive review of short-term and long-term production targets. Based on recent experience, we implemented a more conservative mining plan. We have also taken a number of measures to reduce our exposure to normal mining risk such as increasing our surface ore stockpile. This stockpile will ensure that the

mill can temporarily continue to process ore in the event of production stoppages due to unforeseen circumstances such as those encountered in 2003.

2004 Outlook: Revenues from mining operations are expected to increase significantly in 2004 as production for all metals is projected to increase and current market conditions indicate that metal prices will be higher than those realized in 2003. The table below summarizes our estimated production for 2004:

| | <u>2004 Estimate</u> | <u>2003 Actual</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Gold (ounces) | 300,000 | 236,653 | 27% |
| Silver (000's ounces) | 4,700 | 3,953 | 19% |
| Copper (000's pounds) | 24,000 | 20,131 | 19% |
| Zinc (000's pounds) | 120,000 | 100,337 | 20% |

Interest and Sundry Income

Interest and sundry income consists of interest on cash balances, realized gains on the disposition of available-for-sale securities, and amortization related to our gold put option contracts expiring in the year. Interest and sundry income was \$2.4 million in 2003 compared to \$2.0 million in 2002. The \$0.4 million increase was due to a number of factors. While interest on cash balances remained relatively unchanged over 2002, in 2003, we realized approximately \$2.5 million in gains on the disposition of available-for-sale securities. This gain was offset by a \$1.8 million charge relating to the cost of gold puts purchased in 1999.

2004 Outlook: Interest and sundry income is projected to be essentially nil in 2004 as interest income on our cash balance is expected to be offset by the non-cash amortization of the cost of our gold put option contracts.

Production Costs

In 2003, production costs increased 38% to \$106 million from \$77 million. Operating costs per ton milled remained essentially unchanged compared to 2002 at C\$52 per ton. (Operating costs per ton is a non-GAAP measure and is explained below.) The following table summarizes the components of operating cost per ton.

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2002</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Definition Drilling | C\$ 0.29 | C\$ 0.35 |
| Stope Development | 6.75 | 6.90 |
| Mining | 9.84 | 8.77 |
| Underground Services | 14.73 | 13.27 |
| Milling | 15.67 | 16.48 |
| Surface Services | 1.28 | 1.54 |
| Administration | 3.69 | 4.29 |
| | <u>C\$52.25</u> | <u>C\$51.60</u> |

The rock-fall in the first quarter and the production drilling challenges encountered in the third quarter caused mining and underground service costs to increase in 2003. However, we addressed the production drilling challenges in the third quarter and steadily ramped up tonnage milled in the fourth quarter. We milled 627,000 tons in the fourth quarter of 2003 which represents a 17% increase over the same quarter of 2002. Fourth quarter gold production was 7% lower than 2002 due to decreased gold grades as a result of the implementation of a more conservative mining plan. Onsite operating costs per ton in the fourth quarter were C\$54 per ton compared to C\$53 per ton in the prior year; however, steady improvement was made throughout the quarter as our operating costs decreased to C\$48 per ton in December. For 2004 we expect a slight increase in operating costs to be offset by an estimated 4% increase in total tons milled. Therefore, we expect operating costs per ton to decrease to between C\$49 and C\$51 per ton.

In 2003, total cash operating costs to produce an ounce of gold increased 48% to \$269 from \$182 in 2002. Total cash operating costs are comprised of onsite operating costs reduced by net silver, zinc and copper

revenue. The table below summarizes the components of the increase in total cash operating costs per ounce of gold produced.

| | 4th Quarter | Year to Date |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2002 total cash operating costs | \$198 | \$182 |
| Lower gold production | 14 | 19 |
| Stronger Canadian dollar | 29 | 30 |
| Higher El Coco royalty | (30) | 13 |
| Increased operating costs | 79 | 77 |
| Higher byproduct revenue | (70) | (52) |
| 2003 total cash operating costs | <u>\$220</u> | <u>\$269</u> |

Increased operating costs for both the fourth quarter and year to date were a result of increased tonnage mined and processed coupled with increased mining and underground services costs resulting from the first quarter rock-fall and the production drilling challenges encountered in the third quarter. Increasing byproduct metal prices had a more significant effect in the fourth quarter than on the entire year as most of the yearly increase in metal prices occurred in the fourth quarter. Copper and zinc prices increased 8% and 2%, respectively in the first nine months of 2003 and increased 22% and 17%, respectively in the fourth quarter. For 2004, we expect the El Coco royalty to be completely eliminated as that area of the mine is essentially mined out. As byproduct metal prices increased throughout the year, we took the opportunity to liquidate our hedges of byproduct production. Therefore, at the end of the year, we had full leverage to increasing byproduct metal prices.

Total cash operating cost data is not a recognized measure under Canadian GAAP and this data may not be comparable to data presented by other gold producers. We believe that this generally accepted industry measure is a realistic indication of operating performance and is useful in allowing year over year comparisons in production costs. Cost per ton data is computed as minesite operating costs, excluding the El Coco royalty, divided by tons processed through the mill. Total cash operating cost data can be affected by fluctuations in byproduct metal prices and exchange rates, and royalty expenses. We have included these measures as we understand some investors use this data to assess our operating performance and ability to generate earnings and cash flow at various gold prices. All of the non-GAAP measures used should be considered together with other data prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP, and none of the measures taken by themselves is necessarily indicative of operating costs or cash flow measures prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP. The tables presented below reconcile total cash operating costs and operating costs per ton to the figures presented in the financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP.

Reconciliation of Total Cash Operating Costs per Ounce

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | (thousands, except as noted) | | |
| Production costs per Consolidated Statement of Income (Loss) | \$ 105,654 | \$ 76,926 | \$ 65,789 |
| Adjustments: | | | |
| Inventory adjustments ⁽ⁱ⁾ | 368 | (364) | 81 |
| Byproduct revenues, net of smelting, refining and marketing charges | (41,254) | (27,850) | (28,383) |
| El Coco royalty | (12,888) | (10,764) | (5,424) |
| Non-cash reclamation provision | (1,183) | (1,301) | (1,155) |
| Cash operating costs | \$ 50,697 | \$ 36,647 | \$ 30,908 |
| Gold production (ounces) | <u>236,653</u> | <u>260,183</u> | <u>234,860</u> |
| Cash operating costs (per ounce) | \$ 215 | \$ 141 | \$ 132 |
| El Coco royalty | 54 | 41 | 23 |
| Total cash operating costs | <u>\$ 269</u> | <u>\$ 182</u> | <u>\$ 155</u> |

Reconciliation of Operating Costs per Ton

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | (thousands, except as noted) | | |
| Production costs per Consolidated Statement of Income (Loss) | \$ 105,654 | \$ 76,926 | \$ 65,789 |
| Adjustments: | | | |
| Inventory ⁽ⁱ⁾ and hedging ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ adjustments | 54 | (348) | 57 |
| El Coco royalty | (12,888) | (10,764) | (5,424) |
| Non-cash reclamation provision | (1,183) | (1,301) | (1,155) |
| Minesite operating costs (US\$) | \$ 91,637 | \$ 64,513 | \$ 59,267 |
| Minesite operating costs (C\$) | \$ 127,931 | \$ 101,289 | \$ 91,752 |
| Tons milled (000's tons) | 2,449 | 1,963 | 1,805 |
| Operating costs per ton (C\$) | \$ 52 | \$ 52 | \$ 51 |

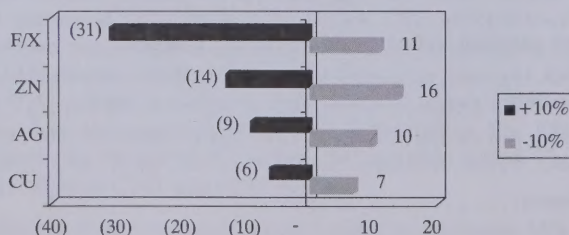
Notes:

- (i) Under the Company's revenue recognition policy, revenue is recognized on concentrates when legal title passes. Since total cash operating costs and operating costs per ton are calculated on a production basis, this adjustment reflects the portion of concentrate production for which revenue has not been recognized in the year.
- (ii) Hedging adjustments reflect gains and losses on the Company's derivative positions entered into to hedge the effects of foreign exchange fluctuations on production costs. These items are not reflective of operating performance and thus have been eliminated when calculating operating costs per ton.

2004 Outlook: For 2004, we expect our total cash operating costs to be in the range of \$155 to \$165 per ounce of gold. As net silver, zinc and copper revenue are treated as a reduction of operating costs in arriving at total cash operating costs per ounce, production and price assumptions play an important role in our 2004 estimate. As our operating costs are denominated in Canadian dollars, the US\$/C\$ exchange rate can also affect our estimate. The table below summarizes the metal price assumptions and exchange rate assumptions used in deriving our 2004 estimate. 2004 production estimates for each metal are shown in the section entitled "Revenues from mining operations".

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Silver | \$5.00 |
| Zinc | \$0.40 |
| Copper | \$0.85 |
| US\$/C\$ exchange rate | \$1.30 |

As we have currently not hedged any of the above production, changes in the prices of these metals will impact our total cash operating cost estimate. We currently have hedges in place to protect the downside risk associated with a strengthening Canadian dollar. For 2004, we have hedged approximately 30% of our estimated Canadian dollar operating costs at a US\$/C\$ exchange rate of \$1.59. The chart below shows the impact on total cash operating costs per ounce of changes in the variables discussed above. The sensitivities presented for the changes in the US\$/C\$ exchange rate take into account the above hedges.



Exploration and Corporate Development Expense

In 2003, our exploration team continued to focus on the Lapa property which is located only 7 miles east of LaRonde. Their efforts resulted in a resource to reserve conversion of 1.2 million ounces of gold. The property did not have reserves in 2002. In conjunction with our exploration success, our corporate development team was active in acquiring a 100% interest in the Lapa property, a transaction completed late in the second quarter. We also acquired the Bousquet property adjacent to the LaRonde Mine, expanding our property interests along the gold belt which hosts our LaRonde Mine. The former Bousquet mine office is now being used by a dedicated regional development team to evaluate and prioritize the Company's exploration and development projects in the region.

In 2003, we re-evaluated our Goldex project. A new reserve and resource model was estimated which showed positive economics and led to a resource to reserve conversion of 1.6 million ounces of gold. The property did not have reserves in 2002. We have now decided to undertake an underground program to provide additional geological information. Over the course of 2004, we expect to complete three vertical slot raises through the orebody. We expect to process this material early in 2005. The objective of this bulk sample and additional drilling planned for 2004 is to attempt to increase the level of confidence in the gold grade. Although our current focus is growth in our own backyard, we continue to evaluate corporate development opportunities which could potentially increase returns for our shareholders.

Total exploration and corporate development expense, including equity losses of Sudbury, increased 102% in 2003 to \$7.6 from \$3.8 million in 2002. The table below summarizes exploration and corporate development expense (thousands):

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Lapa property | 1,751 | 246 |
| Other regional properties | 465 | 976 |
| Exploration conducted by Sudbury Contact Mines Limited | 4,216 | 2,271 |
| Corporate development expense | 1,169 | 273 |
| | <u>7,601</u> | <u>3,766</u> |

Exploration is only conducted if warranted by drilling results and project economics. Therefore, the increase in expenses over 2002 reflects the success of our exploration and development work during 2003. The 2003 gross exploration expenses on the Lapa property were approximately \$3.0 million. However, these expenses were reduced by exploration investment tax credits received from the provincial government of Quebec. In 2003, our 49.9% equity investee, Sudbury Contact Mines Limited ("Sudbury"), conducted more exploration due to the encouraging results on the Timiskaming diamond project. In 2002, we owned approximately 64% of Sudbury and were fully consolidating its exploration expenses as we were providing full funding for its projects. In 2003, through a series of equity financings, Sudbury became more financially independent and our ownership interest was diluted to less than 50%. Therefore, as of August 31, 2003, we are no longer required to consolidate Sudbury's operations with our own as we no longer control Sudbury's strategic operating, investing and financing decisions. Our 2003 exploration expenses reflect 100% of Sudbury's exploration expenses up to that time and our 49.9% share of exploration expenses subsequent to de-consolidation.

2004 Outlook: Exploration and corporate development expense, including our share of Sudbury's exploration expenses, are expected to decrease in 2004 as we have met the criteria for capitalization at the Lapa and Goldex properties and exploration expenditures related to these properties will not be recorded in the income statement in 2004. We expect to record \$3.2 million of exploration on our income statement in 2004 which includes \$1.2 million in non-cash expenses representing our 49.9% share of Sudbury's exploration expenses. However, this estimate could increase materially if we have success on our various exploration properties.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses increased to \$7.1 million in 2003 from \$5.5 million in 2002. Of the \$1.6 million increase, 42% is attributable to the stronger Canadian dollar as general and administrative expenses

are almost entirely denominated in Canadian dollars. An additional 30% is attributable to compliance with new financial reporting and securities law requirements. The remainder of the increase is attributable to increased corporate activities.

2004 Outlook: *Assuming a US\$/C\$ exchange rate of \$1.30, general and administrative expenses are not expected to increase materially in 2004.*

Provincial and Federal Capital Taxes

Provincial capital taxes were \$1.2 million in 2003 compared to \$0.8 million in 2002. These taxes are assessed on the Company's capitalization (paid-up capital and debt) less certain allowances. The increase in 2003 was attributable to less exploration expenses being eligible for provincial tax credits that decrease capital taxes otherwise payable. We estimate 2004 capital taxes to be \$1.9 million due to increases in capitalization and less exploration expenses eligible for the provincial tax credits.

Federal capital taxes are assessed on essentially the same capitalization base as provincial capital taxes. The increase in 2003 to \$1.1 million from \$0.9 million in 2002 represents increases in capitalization throughout the year. New legislation introduced in 2003 will completely eliminate federal capital taxes by 2008. These changes will be phased in gradually with rate reductions each year. Based on new legislation, we estimate federal capital taxes to be \$0.9 million in 2004.

2004 Outlook: *Provincial capital taxes are expected to be \$1.7 to \$2.0 million in 2004 and, based on new legislation, we estimate federal capital taxes to be \$0.9 million in 2004.*

Amortization Expense

Amortization expense was \$17.5 million in 2003 compared to \$12.6 million in 2002. The Company calculates its amortization on a unit-of-production basis using proven and probable reserve tonnage as its amortization base. A 25% increase in tons processed coupled with an increased capital base due to the recently completed LaRonde expansion more than offset the year end increase in reserves.

2004 Outlook: *Amortization is expected to increase as milled throughput increases in 2004. On a per ton basis, amortization is expected to remain unchanged at \$8 per ton as the increased capital base was offset by the year end increase in reserves.*

Interest Expense

In 2003, interest expense increased 10% to \$2.2 million from \$2.0 million in 2002 as no interest was capitalized in 2003. In 2002, interest was comprised of approximately \$1.5 million related to interest on the old convertible notes while \$0.5 million related to non-cash amortization of financing costs associated with the revolving credit facility. In 2003, interest was comprised of \$1.5 million of cash standby fees and other costs associated with the revolving bank facility and the remaining \$0.7 million represents non-cash amortization of the financing costs associated with revolving bank facility. In 2002, \$2.3 million in interest on our revolving bank facility was capitalized as the facility was used to fund the expansion at LaRonde. The Company presents the 2012 subordinated convertible debentures as an equity instrument and therefore interest on the debentures is charged to retained earnings rather than income.

In the fourth quarter of 2003, we entered into an interest rate swap whereby we swapped our fixed rate payments on the convertible subordinated debentures for variable rate payments. The notional amount under the swap exactly matches the \$144 million face value of the debentures and the swap agreement terminates on February 15, 2006, which is the earliest date that the debentures can be called for redemption. Under the terms of the swap agreement, we make interest payments of three-month LIBOR plus a spread of 2.37% and receive fixed interest payments 4.50% which completely offsets the interest payments we make on the subordinated convertible debentures. The three-month LIBOR rate was also capped at 3.38% such that total variable interest payments will not exceed 5.75%. Based on the current three-month LIBOR rate of 1.12%, we estimate that this transaction will save approximately \$1.5 million in debenture interest annually.

2004 Outlook: *Interest expense is expected to decrease by approximately \$1.5 million as we realize the benefits of our interest rate swap, assuming variable LIBOR rates remain at current levels throughout the year. Under Canadian GAAP, the debentures are presented, in their entirety, as an equity instrument and therefore interest costs related to the debentures are charged to deficit as incurred. However, as a result of this accounting treatment, the interest rate swap does not qualify for hedge accounting. Accordingly, gains and losses realized under the swap are recorded in income.*

Income and Mining Taxes

In 2003, the effective accounting income tax recovery rate was 15.0% compared to an income tax rate of 6.2% in 2002. Although we reported a net loss before income and mining taxes of \$7.5 million, we did not record the benefit of these losses. These losses are available as deductions in future years but due to the uncertainty surrounding the realization of the benefit of these losses, we did not record these future benefits as tax assets. The accounting recovery rate was mostly generated by changes in Canadian income tax legislation which now provides a federal deduction for provincial mining duties paid. Therefore, we recorded an asset representing the future deductions that will be available at the federal level arising from the payment of provincial mining duties. The recording of this asset gave rise to the current year recovery.

In 2002, we recorded income before income and mining taxes of \$15.1 million and recorded a tax provision of 6.2%. The tax rate was reduced from the statutory tax rate of 39.9% due to the effect of resource allowances, the utilization of previously unrecognized losses carried forward, non-taxable capital gains, and the accelerated recovery of provincial mining duties. The accelerated mining duty recovery was partially offset by an increase to future mining tax liabilities for the resultant decrease in development pools available for future deductions.

2004 Outlook: *We expect our effective income tax rate to be approximately 30% in 2004 (including provincial mining duties). This effective tax rate could decrease if we are able to realize unrecognized tax assets. Due to uncertainty surrounding the realization of certain tax assets, we have provided a full valuation allowance against limited life tax assets, and as, such the possible benefit of these future tax deductions is not recorded as an asset in the financial statements. Due to rising metal prices, we expect to be able to realize some of these assets before they expire thus leading to corresponding tax credits in income representing the decrease in valuation allowance attached to these tax assets.*

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As a result of the operating challenges encountered in 2003, we ended the year with less capital resources than 2002. Including \$100 million of undrawn credit under our revolving bank facility, we ended 2003 with available cash resources of \$210 million compared to \$253 million at the end of 2002. We expect an additional \$25 million to become available under our revolving bank facility in the fourth quarter of 2004 once we satisfy certain completion tests in connection with the LaRonde Mine expansion. In 2003, we used \$43 million in cash compared to 2002 when we added \$132 million to our cash position. The largest components of the cash used in 2003 were:

- \$42 million in capital expenditures at LaRonde; and
- \$10 million net investment and acquisition expenditures including \$9 million for Lapa and \$4 million for Bousquet offset by \$3 million generated from the sale of available-for-sale securities.

These cash outflows were offset by \$11 million in operating cash flow. Despite the production difficulties, we still managed to generate positive operating cash flow due in large part to the increase in metal prices. The metal price increases were offset somewhat by the strengthening Canadian dollar and our increased exploration activities driven by our success at Lapa. Financing cash flows included \$5 million of employee stock purchases under our share purchase and stock option plans.

In 2003, the Company declared its 24th consecutive annual dividend of \$0.03 per share, unchanged from 2002. Although the Company expects to continue paying dividends, future dividends will be at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors and will be subject to factors such as income, financial condition, and capital requirements.

The Company's material obligations under firm contractual commitments relate to the convertible subordinated debentures in aggregate principal amount of \$143.8 million maturing on February 15, 2012. The Company may redeem the debentures on or after February 15, 2006 in cash or, at the option of the Company, by delivering freely tradable common shares.

In 2003, the Company was unable to achieve its completion test and was in default of its interest coverage covenants under its revolving bank facility. Given that the facility was completely undrawn throughout 2003, these were technical violations which were waived by all the banks in the lending syndicate for the third and fourth quarters of 2003. The syndicate also extended the deadline for achieving the completion test to September 30, 2004.

2004 Outlook: *In 2004, we expect to incur approximately \$23 million in sustaining and project capital expenditures at LaRonde and approximately \$14 million in expenditures on other projects, including Lapa, Goldex and LaRonde II. At Lapa, we will continue to drill to expand the reserve base and will complete preliminary engineering with the intent of accelerating development of the property. At Goldex, we will undertake a bulk sampling program to obtain an increased level of confidence in the gold grade. The bulk sample will consist of three vertical slot raises through the orebody and we expect to process this material early in 2005. At LaRonde II, we expect a detailed feasibility study to be completed late in 2004. We expect all these capital expenditures to be completely funded out of operating cash flow. An expected increase in gold and by-product metal production and rising metal prices will be the key drivers to attaining strong operating cash flows.*

The following table provides a summary of our 2004 estimated capital and exploration expenditures. The grassroots exploration amount is the cash component of our estimated 2004 exploration expense and does not include the estimated \$1.2 million which represents our 49.9% share of Sudbury's exploration expense (thousands).

| Project | Capitalized | Expensed | Total |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| LaRonde I projects | \$10,300 | \$ — | \$10,300 |
| LaRonde I sustaining | 12,600 | — | 12,600 |
| LaRonde II drilling & feasibility | 3,800 | — | 3,800 |
| Goldex bulk sample & engineering | 4,700 | — | 4,700 |
| Lapa drilling & engineering | 3,200 | — | 3,200 |
| Bousquet/Ellison drilling | 2,300 | — | 2,300 |
| Grassroots exploration | | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| | <u>\$36,900</u> | <u>\$2,000</u> | <u>\$38,900</u> |

Risk Profile

Agnico-Eagle is subject to various risks that it encounters in its day-to-day operations. We mitigate the likelihood and potential severity of these risks through the application of the highest standards in the planning, construction and operation of our facilities. In addition, emphasis is placed on hiring and retaining competent personnel and developing their skills through training in safety and loss control. Agnico-Eagle's operating and technical personnel have a solid track record of developing and operating precious metal mines and the LaRonde Mine has been recognized for its excellence in this regard with various safety and development awards. Unfortunately, in spite of our extensive efforts to ensure the safety of our employees, industrial accidents can occur. In February 2004, an underground explosion claimed the life of a contract miner, and in March 2004, an accident in a storage area claimed the life of an employee.

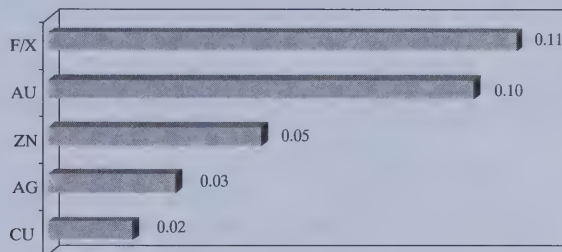
We also mitigate some of the Company's normal business risk through the purchase of insurance coverage. An Insurable Risk Management Policy, approved by the Board of Directors, governs our purchase of insurance coverage and only permits the purchase of coverage from insurance companies of the highest credit quality. For a more complete list of the risk factors affecting Agnico-Eagle, please see the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

In March 2004, Staff of the Ontario Securities Commission advised the Company by letter that Commission Staff are contemplating commencing proceedings against the Company in relation to the timing and content of the Company's disclosure concerning the rock fall that occurred at Agnico's LaRonde mine in Quebec early in

2003. The Company intends to co-operate fully with the Ontario Securities Commission and will respond as soon as practical to the Commission's letter. The Company is unable to determine whether there will be any material financial impact resulting from this matter.

Financial Risk

Agnico-Eagle's net income is most sensitive to metal prices and the US\$/C\$ exchange rate. The following graph shows the estimated impact on budgeted income per share ("EPS") in 2004 of a 10% change in assumed metal prices and exchange rates.



In order to mitigate the impact of fluctuating precious and base metal prices, Agnico-Eagle enters into hedging transactions under its Metal Price Risk Management Policy, approved by the Board of Directors. The Company's policy and practice is not to sell forward its gold production. The Policy does allow the Company to review this to use hedging strategies where appropriate to ensure an adequate return on new projects. In the past, we have bought put options to protect a minimum gold price while maintaining full participation to gold price increases. The Company's policy does not allow speculative trading. At the end of 2003, the Company's only metal hedges are gold puts with a strike price of \$260. These gold puts protect a minimum gold price of \$260 for 44% to 64% of anticipated gold production between 2004 and 2007. Gold puts are exercised at our option therefore they do not limit participation to rising gold prices.

The Company receives payment for all of its metal sales in US dollars and pays most of its operating and capital costs in Canadian dollars. This gives rise to significant currency risk exposure. We have entered into currency hedging transactions under the Company's Foreign Exchange Risk Management Policy, approved by the Board of Directors, to hedge part of our exposure. The policy does not permit the hedging of translation exposure (that is, the gains and losses that arise from the accounting translation of Canadian dollar assets and liabilities into US dollars) as these do not give rise to cash exposure. For 2004, we have hedged approximately 30% of our Canadian dollar operating cost requirement at a US\$/C\$ exchange rate of \$1.59. As shown in the chart above, a 10% increase in budget exchange rates would increase EPS by \$0.11. Due to the 2004 foreign currency hedges, a 10% decrease in exchange rates would decrease EPS by only \$0.05.

Fluctuations in interest rates can also affect income and cash flows. Due to the interest rate swap entered into in 2003, increases in LIBOR rates will increase interest expense. The maximum interest rate payable under the swap transaction is 5.75% thus, based on this maximum rate, the maximum exposure from rising interest rates is \$0.02 per share. The Company has a Short-Term Investment Risk Management Policy, approved by the Board of Directors, which only permits investment of excess cash balances in short-term money market instruments of the highest credit quality.

Operational Risk

The business of gold mining is generally subject to certain types of risks and hazards such as environmental hazards, industrial accidents such as cave-ins, rock bursts, rock falls and flooding, unusual or unexpected rock formations, changes in the regulatory environment and metal losses. Such occurrences could result in damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or production facilities, personal injury or death, environmental damage, delays in mining, monetary losses and possible legal liability. As a result, Agnico-Eagle may be required to incur

significant costs that could have a material adverse effect on its financial performance, liquidity and results of operations.

Agnico-Eagle's LaRonde mine and milling operations account for all of our gold production and will continue to account for all of our gold production in the future unless additional properties are acquired or brought into production. Any adverse condition affecting mining or milling conditions at LaRonde could have a material adverse effect on our financial performance, liquidity and results of operations. At current reserves and mining rates, LaRonde has a mine life of approximately 15 years.

Our gold production estimates for 2004 and subsequent years may fall below estimated levels as a result of the general mining risks summarized above. Furthermore, production may be unexpectedly reduced if, during the course of mining, unfavorable ground conditions or seismic activity are encountered or grades are lower than expected. Production estimates may also be affected if the physical or metallurgical characteristics of ore are less amenable than expected to mining or treatment. Therefore, there can be no assurance that the Company will achieve current or future production estimates.

Our reported proven and probable mineral reserves are estimates and there can be no assurance that anticipated tonnage and grade can be achieved. Reserve figures have been determined based on assumed gold prices and operating costs. We have estimated mineral reserves based on a \$325 per ounce gold price. Though the gold price is higher than the \$300 per ounce assumption used in last year's reserve estimate, this impact was essentially negated by the change in the US\$/C\$ exchange rate assumed from \$1.50 to \$1.40. While gold prices were generally above \$325 for 2003, the average gold price over the past three years has been below \$325 per ounce. If gold prices of \$300 and \$350 were assumed, our gold reserve position would change by 6%. Substantial prolonged decreases in the price of gold, silver, copper and zinc and the US\$/C\$ exchange rate could have a material adverse effect on our financial performance, liquidity and results of operations. To help maintain or grow production levels over the long term, Agnico-Eagle must continually replace mineral reserves depleted by production by reclassifying mineral resources to reserves, expanding known orebodies or locating new ones. Success in gold exploration is highly uncertain and there is a risk that future depletion of mineral reserves through normal mining operations will not be adequately replaced.

Environmental Risk

Agnico-Eagle's activities are subject to extensive federal and local laws and regulations governing environmental protection and employee health and safety. Agnico-Eagle is required to obtain governmental permits and comply with mine reclamation rules. Although Agnico-Eagle makes provisions for reclamation costs, there can be no assurance that these provisions will be adequate to discharge the obligations associated with these regulations. Failure to comply with applicable environmental and health and safety laws can result in injunctions, damages or revocation of permits and imposition of penalties. There can be no assurance that Agnico-Eagle has been or will be at all times in complete compliance with such laws and regulations or that the costs of complying will not have a material adverse effect on our financial performance, liquidity and results of operations.

Environmental laws and regulations are complex and have become more stringent over time. Any changes in such laws or environmental conditions could have a material adverse effect on Agnico-Eagle's financial condition, liquidity or results of operations. Agnico-Eagle is not able to estimate the impact of future changes in laws and regulations due to the uncertainty surrounding the ultimate form these changes may take. At December 31, 2003, Agnico-Eagle has accrued approximately \$3 and \$6 million, respectively, for each of its reclamation obligations on its LaRonde and Bousquet properties.

Derivatives Risk

Management enters into derivative contracts to limit the downside risk associated with fluctuating metal prices. The contracts act as economic hedges of our underlying exposures to metal price risk and foreign currency exchange risk and are not held for speculative purposes. We do not use complex derivative contracts to hedge our exposures. We use simple contracts, such as puts and calls, to mitigate downside risk yet maintain full participation to rising metal prices. We also enter into forward contracts to lock in exchange rates based on our projected Canadian dollar operating and capital needs.

By using derivative instruments, we have various financial risks. Credit risk is the risk that the counterparties to our derivative contracts will fail to perform on an obligation to us. We mitigate this risk by dealing with high quality counterparties such as financial institutions. Market liquidity risk is the risk that a derivative position cannot be liquidated quickly. We mitigate market liquidity risk by spreading out the maturity of derivative contracts over time, usually based on our projected production levels for the specific metal being hedged, such that the relevant markets will be able to absorb the contracts. Mark-to-market risk is the risk that an adverse change in market prices for our metals will affect our financial condition. Since we use derivative contracts as economic hedges, for most of the contracts, changes in the mark-to-market value do not affect income. For a description of the accounting treatment of our derivative contracts, please see “Critical Accounting Estimates — Financial Instruments.”

Outstanding Securities

The following table presents the maximum number of common shares that would be outstanding if all dilutive instruments outstanding at March 31, 2004 were exercised:

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Common shares outstanding at March 31, 2004 | 84,956,333 |
| Convertible debentures (based on debenture holders' option) | 10,267,919 |
| Employee stock options | 3,301,400 |
| Warrants | 6,900,000 |
| | <u>105,425,652</u> |

The convertible debentures are convertible into common shares, at the option of the holder, at any time prior to maturity, at a conversion rate of 71.429 common shares per \$1,000 principal amount of debentures. The debentures mature on February 15, 2012 but may be redeemed at the option of the Company on or after February 15, 2006 in cash or, at the option of the Company, by delivering freely tradable common shares.

Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of US\$19.00. The warrants expire on November 6, 2007.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian GAAP requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. The Company evaluates the estimates periodically, including those relating to metals awaiting settlement, inventories, future tax assets and liabilities, and mining properties. In making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities, the Company uses estimates based on historical experience and various assumptions that are considered reasonable in the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The Company believes the following critical accounting policies relate to its more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its financial statements. Management has discussed the development and selection of the following critical accounting policies with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee has reviewed the Company's disclosure in this MD&A.

Mining Properties

The Company capitalizes the cost of acquiring land and mineral rights. If a mineable ore body is discovered, such costs are amortized when production begins, using the unit-of-production method based on proven and probable reserves. If no mineable orebody is discovered, such costs are expensed in the period in which it is determined the property has no future economic value. Costs for grassroots exploration are charged to income when incurred until an orebody is discovered. Further exploration and development to delineate the orebody are capitalized once a feasibility study is successfully completed and proven and probable reserves established. Construction costs, including interest costs for projects specifically financed by debt, are capitalized at cost and are not depreciated until commercial production begins. Amortization is based on the unit-of-production method over the estimated proven and probable reserves of the mine.

Subsequent capital expenditures which benefit future periods, such as the construction of underground infrastructure, are capitalized at cost and depreciated as mentioned above.

The carrying values of mining properties, plant and equipment and deferred expenditures are periodically reviewed for impairment. Impairment testing is based on the future undiscounted net cash flows of the operating mine or development property. If it is determined that the estimated net recoverable amount is less than the carrying value, the asset is written down to its fair value with a charge to income. Estimated future cash flows include estimates of recoverable metals in proven and probable reserves. Metals price assumptions are determined considering current and historical prices, price trends and other market-related factors. Estimated future cash flows also consider ongoing capital requirements, reclamation costs, and related income and mining taxes, and are based on detailed engineering life-of-mine plans.

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue from concentrates when legal title passes and estimates net realizable value using current metal prices and metal content from samples of the concentrates. Adjustments to the final settlements occur when the average metal prices are determined over a quotation period. These adjustments are included in revenue when determined and traditionally have not been material.

Revenue from gold and silver recovered in the form of doré bars is recorded when the gold and silver are refined and sold.

Reclamation Obligations

Estimated reclamation costs are based on legal, environmental and regulatory requirements. The costs of our active mining operations are accrued, on an undiscounted basis, as a production cost, on a unit-of-production method based on proven and probable reserves. We have made estimates of the final reclamation costs based on mine-closure plans approved by environmental agencies. We periodically review these estimates and update our reclamation cost estimates if assumptions change. Material assumptions that are made in deriving these estimates include variables such as mine life and inflation rates.

Future Tax Assets and Liabilities

The Company uses the liability method of tax allocation for accounting for income taxes. Under the liability method, future tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities. Future tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that some or all of the future tax asset will not be realized. The Company evaluates the carrying value of its future tax assets quarterly by assessing its valuation allowance and by adjusting the amount of such allowance, if necessary. The factors used to assess the likelihood of realization are forecasts of future taxable income and available tax planning strategies that could be implemented to realize future tax assets.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company's existing stock-based compensation plan provides for the granting of options to directors, officers, employees and service providers to purchase common shares. Share options have exercise prices equal to the market price at the grant date or over the life of the applicable vesting period depending on the terms of the option agreements. The fair value of these stock options is recorded as an expense on the date of grant. Fair value is determined using the Black-Scholes option valuation model which requires us to estimate the expected volatility of the Company's share price and the expected life of the stock options. Limitations with existing option valuation models and the inherent difficulties associated with estimating these variables creates difficulties in determining a reliable single measure of the fair value of stock option grants. The dilutive impact of stock option grants is currently factored into the Company's reported diluted income (loss) per share.

AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LIMITED

SUMMARIZED QUARTERLY DATA

(thousands of United States dollars, except where noted)

| | Mar. 31 | Jun. 30 | Sept. 30 | Dec. 31 | Total 2002 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Consolidated Financial Data | | | | | |
| <i>Income and cash flow</i> | | | | | |
| <i>LaRonde Division</i> | | | | | |
| Revenues from mining operations | \$ 25,092 | \$ 29,342 | \$ 21,024 | \$ 32,323 | \$ 107,781 |
| Mine operating costs | 17,352 | 19,181 | 15,362 | 25,031 | 76,926 |
| Mine operating profit | \$ 7,740 | \$ 10,161 | \$ 5,662 | \$ 7,292 | \$ 30,855 |
| Net income (loss) for period | \$ 5,778 | \$ 3,893 | \$ 153 | \$ 3,373 | \$ 13,197 |
| Net income per share (basic and fully diluted) | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.03 | \$ (0.03) | \$ (0.06) | \$ 0.07 |
| Operating cash flow* | \$ 5,129 | \$ 10,099 | \$ 1,440 | \$ 4,464 | \$ 21,132 |
| Operating cash flow per share | \$ 0.07 | \$ 0.15 | \$ 0.02 | \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.30 |
| Weighted average number of shares (in thousands) | 68,006 | 69,050 | 69,549 | 76,676 | 70,821 |
| Tons of ore milled | 477,333 | 491,083 | 456,818 | 537,895 | 1,963,129 |
| Head grades: | | | | | |
| Gold (ounces per ton) | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.14 |
| Silver (ounces per ton) | 2.52 | 2.28 | 2.25 | 2.32 | 2.35 |
| Zinc | 5.24% | 3.64% | 4.01% | 3.74% | 4.14% |
| Copper | 0.22% | 0.30% | 0.31% | 0.50% | 0.34% |
| Recovery rates: | | | | | |
| Gold | 94.54% | 92.92% | 92.43% | 92.97% | 93.14% |
| Silver | 83.70% | 80.10% | 77.60% | 80.60% | 80.60% |
| Zinc | 84.90% | 81.40% | 67.20% | 78.00% | 78.40% |
| Copper | 60.30% | 74.40% | 63.60% | 80.30% | 71.40% |
| Payable production: | | | | | |
| Gold (ounces) | 60,259 | 74,617 | 50,073 | 75,235 | 260,183 |
| Silver (ounces in thousands) | 724 | 709 | 547 | 1,104 | 3,084 |
| Zinc (pounds in thousands) | 35,997 | 24,740 | 20,713 | 26,610 | 108,060 |
| Copper (pounds in thousands) | 1,131 | 2,084 | 1,728 | 3,984 | 8,927 |
| Realized prices (US\$): | | | | | |
| Gold (per ounce) | \$ 300 | \$ 310 | \$ 314 | \$ 318 | \$ 312 |
| Silver (per ounce) | \$ 4.48 | \$ 4.67 | \$ 4.73 | \$ 4.51 | \$ 4.61 |
| Zinc (per pound) | \$ 0.36 | \$ 0.36 | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.34 | \$ 0.34 |
| Copper (per pound) | \$ 0.72 | \$ 0.78 | \$ 0.74 | \$ 0.71 | \$ 0.70 |
| Total production costs per gold ounce produced (US\$): | | | | | |
| Onsite operating costs (including reclamation provision) | \$ 258 | \$ 219 | \$ 304 | \$ 244 | \$ 253 |
| Less: Non-cash reclamation provision | (5) | (5) | (5) | (5) | (5) |
| Net byproduct revenues | (124) | (90) | (102) | (111) | (107) |
| Cash operating costs | \$ 129 | \$ 124 | \$ 197 | \$ 128 | \$ 141 |
| El Coco royalty | 32 | 40 | 11 | 70 | 41 |
| Total cash operating costs | 161 | 164 | 208 | 198 | 182 |
| Non-cash costs: | | | | | |
| Reclamation provision | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Amortization | 47 | 49 | 66 | 37 | 48 |
| Total production costs | \$ 213 | \$ 218 | \$ 279 | \$ 240 | \$ 235 |
| Onsite operating costs per ton milled | | | | | |
| (Canadian dollars) | \$ 52 | \$ 52 | \$ 51 | \$ 53 | \$ 52 |

* Before non-cash working capital

AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LIMITED

SUMMARIZED QUARTERLY DATA

(thousands of United States dollars, except where noted)

| | Mar. 31 | Jun. 30 | Sept. 30 | Dec. 31 | Total 2003 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Consolidated Financial Data | | | | | |
| <i>Income and cash flow</i> | | | | | |
| <i>LaRonde Division</i> | | | | | |
| Revenues from mining operations | \$ 30,112 | \$ 30,014 | \$ 24,845 | \$ 41,849 | \$ 126,820 |
| Mine operating costs | 24,517 | 24,769 | 26,080 | 30,288 | 105,654 |
| Mine operating profit | \$ 5,595 | \$ 5,245 | \$ (1,235) | \$ 11,561 | \$ 21,166 |
| Net loss for period | \$ (3,564) | \$ (3,423) | \$ (5,809) | \$ 5,334 | \$ (7,462) |
| Net loss per share (basic and fully diluted) | \$ (0.08) | \$ (0.06) | \$ (0.09) | \$ 0.06 | \$ (0.17) |
| Operating cash flow* | \$ 1,159 | \$ 2,575 | \$ (6,016) | \$ 6,873 | \$ 4,591 |
| Operating cash flow per share | \$ 0.01 | \$ 0.03 | \$ (0.07) | \$ 0.08 | \$ 0.05 |
| Weighted average number of shares (in thousands) | 83,725 | 83,836 | 83,954 | 84,424 | 83,889 |
| Tons of ore milled | 602,633 | 648,292 | 570,661 | 626,994 | 2,448,580 |
| Head grades: | | | | | |
| Gold (ounces per ton) | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.11 |
| Silver (ounces per ton) | 2.44 | 2.24 | 1.69 | 2.22 | 2.16 |
| Zinc | 3.55% | 3.14% | 2.71% | 2.87% | 3.10% |
| Copper | 0.45% | 0.52% | 0.62% | 0.60% | 0.55% |
| Recovery rates: | | | | | |
| Gold | 91.66% | 90.62% | 91.60% | 91.79% | 91.41% |
| Silver | 83.80% | 80.80% | 79.79% | 85.80% | 82.60% |
| Zinc | 78.20% | 77.80% | 75.00% | 81.60% | 78.20% |
| Copper | 79.10% | 79.20% | 79.90% | 82.50% | 80.30% |
| Payable production: | | | | | |
| Gold (ounces) | 55,005 | 60,157 | 51,192 | 70,299 | 236,653 |
| Silver (ounces in thousands) | 1,036 | 1,049 | 648 | 1,220 | 3,953 |
| Zinc (pounds in thousands) | 27,964 | 27,080 | 20,561 | 24,732 | 100,337 |
| Copper (pounds in thousands) | 3,956 | 5,015 | 5,411 | 5,749 | 20,131 |
| Realized prices (US\$): | | | | | |
| Gold (per ounce) | \$ 350 | \$ 349 | \$ 365 | \$ 395 | \$ 368 |
| Silver (per ounce) | \$ 4.70 | \$ 4.57 | \$ 5.04 | \$ 5.27 | \$ 5.07 |
| Zinc (per pound) | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.43 | \$ 0.38 |
| Copper (per pound) | \$ 0.76 | \$ 0.73 | \$ 0.80 | \$ 0.94 | \$ 0.82 |
| Total production costs per gold ounce produced (US\$): | | | | | |
| Onsite operating costs (including reclamation provision) | \$ 378 | \$ 371 | \$ 454 | \$ 372 | \$ 390 |
| Less: Non-cash reclamation provision | (2) | (2) | (5) | (3) | (2) |
| Net byproduct revenues | (207) | (161) | (140) | (189) | (173) |
| Cash operating costs | \$ 169 | \$ 208 | \$ 309 | \$ 180 | \$ 215 |
| El Coco royalty | 74 | 50 | 59 | 40 | 54 |
| Total cash operating costs | 243 | 258 | 368 | 220 | 269 |
| Non-cash costs: | | | | | |
| Reclamation provision | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Amortization | 82 | 80 | 87 | 53 | 74 |
| Total production costs | \$ 327 | \$ 340 | \$ 460 | \$ 276 | \$ 345 |
| Onsite operating costs per ton milled | | | | | |
| (Canadian dollars) | \$ 52 | \$ 48 | \$ 56 | \$ 54 | \$ 52 |

* Before non-cash working capital

AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LIMITED
FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL AND OPERATING SUMMARY
(thousands of United States dollars, except as noted)

| | Year ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| Financial Data | | | | | |
| Revenues from mining operations | \$ 126,820 | \$ 107,781 | \$ 93,677 | \$ 66,971 | \$ 25,583 |
| Interest and sundry income | 2,429 | 2,038 | 1,784 | 1,097 | 2,506 |
| | <u>129,249</u> | <u>109,819</u> | <u>95,461</u> | <u>68,068</u> | <u>28,089</u> |
| Costs and expenses | 136,744 | 94,734 | 103,153 | 74,837 | 51,780 |
| Income (loss) before income and mining taxes | (7,495) | 15,085 | (7,692) | (6,769) | (23,691) |
| Income and mining tax expense (recoveries) | (33) | 1,888 | (37) | (3,377) | (8,770) |
| Net income (loss) | <u>\$ (7,462)</u> | <u>\$ 13,197</u> | <u>\$ (7,655)</u> | <u>\$ (3,392)</u> | <u>\$ (14,921)</u> |
| Net income (loss) per share | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.07 | \$ (0.12) | \$ (0.06) | \$ (0.28) |
| Operating cash flow (before non-cash working capital) | \$ 4,591 | \$ 21,132 | \$ 12,359 | \$ 4,923 | \$ (13,570) |
| Operating cash flow per share | \$ 0.05 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.20 | \$ 0.09 | \$ (0.25) |
| Cash dividend per share | \$ 0.03 | \$ 0.03 | \$ 0.02 | \$ 0.02 | \$ 0.02 |
| Capital expenditures | \$ 42,038 | \$ 64,836 | \$ 36,278 | \$ 68,387 | \$ 68,892 |
| Average gold price per ounce realized | \$ 368 | \$ 312 | \$ 273 | \$ 278 | \$ 274 |
| Average exchange rate — US\$ per Canadian dollar | \$ 0.7137 | \$ 0.6368 | \$ 0.6458 | \$ 0.6723 | \$ 0.6725 |
| Weighted number of shares (outstanding — basic (in thousands)) | 83,889 | 70,821 | 61,334 | 54,447 | 53,331 |
| Working capital (including undrawn credit lines) | \$ 263,437 | \$ 307,693 | \$ 137,567 | \$ 51,384 | \$106,941 |
| Total assets | \$ 631,755 | \$ 592,068 | \$ 393,753 | \$ 359,407 | \$285,274 |
| Long-term debt | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 147,266 | \$ 180,666 | \$124,122 |
| Common shareholders' equity | \$ 541,754 | \$ 542,855 | \$ 211,315 | \$ 128,545 | \$126,843 |
| Operating Summary | | | | | |
| LaRonde Division | | | | | |
| Revenues from mining operations | \$ 126,820 | \$ 107,781 | \$ 93,677 | \$ 66,971 | \$ 25,583 |
| Mine operating costs | 105,654 | 76,926 | 65,789 | 51,901 | 29,041 |
| Mine operating profit (loss) | <u>\$ 21,166</u> | <u>\$ 30,855</u> | <u>\$ 27,888</u> | <u>\$ 15,070</u> | <u>\$ (3,458)</u> |
| Tons of ore milled | 2,448,580 | 1,963,129 | 1,805,248 | 1,415,888 | 798,396 |
| Grade — ounces of gold per ton | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.14 | 0.13 |
| Gold production — ounces | 236,653 | 260,183 | 234,860 | 173,852 | 90,035 |
| Silver production — ounces (in thousands) | 3,953 | 3,094 | 2,524 | 1,128 | 277 |
| Zinc production — pounds (in thousands) | 100,337 | 108,060 | 126,275 | 50,681 | 9,778 |
| Copper production — pounds (in thousands) | 20,131 | 8,927 | 4,096 | 4,943 | 3,282 |
| Total production costs per gold ounce produced (US\$): | | | | | |
| Onsite operating costs (including reclamation provision) | \$ 390 | \$ 253 | \$ 257 | \$ 294 | \$ 334 |
| Less: Non-cash reclamation provision | (2) | (5) | (5) | (3) | (4) |
| Net byproduct revenues | (173) | (107) | (120) | (103) | (53) |
| Cash operating costs | \$ 215 | \$ 141 | \$ 132 | \$ 188 | \$ 277 |
| El Coco royalty | 54 | 41 | 23 | — | — |
| Total cash operating costs | <u>\$ 269</u> | <u>\$ 182</u> | <u>\$ 155</u> | <u>\$ 188</u> | <u>\$ 277</u> |
| Non-cash costs: | | | | | |
| Reclamation provision | 2 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Amortization | 74 | 48 | 45 | 33 | 61 |
| Total production costs | <u>\$ 345</u> | <u>\$ 235</u> | <u>\$ 205</u> | <u>\$ 224</u> | <u>\$ 342</u> |
| Onsite operating costs per ton milled (Canadian dollars) | <u>\$ 52</u> | <u>\$ 52</u> | <u>\$ 52</u> | <u>\$ 54</u> | <u>\$ 56</u> |
| Gold reserves and resources: | | | | | |
| Total Proven and Probable Reserves & Indicated Resources (thousands, ounces of gold) | 8,693 | 5,135 | 3,399 | 3,649 | 3,016 |
| Total Inferred Resources (thousands, ounces of gold) | <u>4,251</u> | <u>5,160</u> | <u>5,110</u> | <u>4,111</u> | <u>3,051</u> |

Agnico-Eagle Mineral Reserve & Mineral Resource Data

| Category and Zone | Au(oz/t) | Ag(oz/t) | Cu(%) | Zn(%) | Au (000's oz.) | Tons (000's) |
|---|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Proven Mineral Reserve</i> | | | | | | |
| LaRonde | 0.09 | 2.49 | 0.42 | 4.24 | 638 | 6,848 |
| Bousquet | 0.09 | — | — | — | 9 | 104 |
| Subtotal Proven Mineral Reserve | 0.09 | — | — | — | 647 | 6,952 |
| <i>Probable Mineral Reserve</i> | | | | | | |
| LaRonde | 0.13 | 1.47 | 0.31 | 2.32 | 4,383 | 34,754 |
| Lapa | 0.25 | — | — | — | 1,187 | 4,661 |
| Goldex | 0.07 | — | — | — | 1,647 | 23,983 |
| Subtotal Probable Mineral Reserve | 0.11 | — | — | — | 7,217 | 63,938 |
| Total Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves | 0.11 | — | — | — | 7,864 | 70,350 |
| <i>Measured & Indicated Mineral Resource</i> | | | | | | |
| LaRonde | 0.09 | 0.70 | 0.27 | 1.10 | 327 | 3,716 |
| Goldex | 0.08 | — | — | — | 91 | 1,174 |
| Lapa | 0.16 | — | — | — | 114 | 705 |
| Bousquet | 0.16 | — | — | — | 256 | 1,608 |
| Ellison | 0.16 | — | — | — | 41 | 249 |
| Total Measured & Indicated Resource | 0.11 | — | — | — | 829 | 7,452 |
| <i>Inferred Mineral Resource</i> | | | | | | |
| LaRonde | 0.19 | 1.15 | 0.35 | 0.94 | 2,889 | 15,294 |
| Bousquet | 0.27 | — | — | — | 648 | 2,445 |
| Goldex | 0.06 | — | — | — | 173 | 2,797 |
| Lapa | 0.18 | — | — | — | 58 | 324 |
| Ellison | 0.29 | — | — | — | 483 | 1,692 |
| Total Inferred Resource | 0.19 | — | — | — | 4,251 | 22,552 |

A qualified person, Guy Gosselin, P.Eng., P.Geo., LaRonde Division's Chief Geologist, has verified the LaRonde exploration information disclosed in this report. The verification procedures, the quality assurance program and quality control procedures used in preparing such data may be found in the 2004 Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Report, Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited, LaRonde Division, dated March 26, 2004, filed on SEDAR.

Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. is reporting mineral resource and reserve estimates in accordance with the CIM guidelines for the estimation, classification and reporting of resources and reserves. The effective date of each estimate is December 31, 2003. More recent information on exploration, mining, processing, metallurgy and other economic factors have also been used. The estimates disclosed in this report are based on the following key metal price assumptions and foreign exchange rates: gold, \$325/oz; silver, \$5.00/oz; copper \$0.80/lb; zinc \$0.50/lb; US\$/C\$=1.40. There are no known relevant issues that would materially affect the estimates. No independent verification of the data has been published.

Tonnage amounts and contained metal amounts presented in the tables in this report have been rounded to the nearest 1000.

A mineral reserve is the economically mineable part of a measured or indicated resource demonstrated by at least a preliminary feasibility study. This study must include adequate information on mining, processing, metallurgical, economic and other relevant factors that demonstrate, at the time of reporting, that economic extraction can be justified. A mineral reserve includes diluting materials and allows for losses that may occur when the material is mined. A proven mineral reserve is the economically mineable part of a measured resource for which quantity, grade or quality, densities, shape and physical characteristics are so well established that they can be estimated with confidence sufficient to allow the appropriate application of technical and economic parameters, to support production planning and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit. A probable mineral reserve is the economically mineable part of an indicated mineral resource for which quantity, grade or quality, densities, shape and physical characteristics can be estimated with a level of confidence sufficient to allow the appropriate application of technical and economic parameters, to support mine planning and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit.

A mineral resource is a concentration or occurrence of natural, solid, inorganic or fossilized organic material in or on the earth's crust in such form and quantity and of such a grade or quality that it has reasonable prospects for economic extraction. The location, quantity, grade, geological characteristics and continuity of a mineral resource are known, estimated or interpreted from specific geological evidence and knowledge. A measured mineral resource is that part of a mineral resource for which quantity, grade or quality, densities, shape, physical characteristics, can be estimated with a level of confidence sufficient to allow the appropriate application of technical and economic parameters, to support mine planning and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit. The estimate is based on detailed and reliable exploration, sampling and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes that are spaced closely enough to confirm both geological and grade continuity. An indicated mineral resource is that part of a mineral resource for which quantity, grade or quality, densities, shape and physical characteristics can be estimated with a level of confidence sufficient to allow the appropriate application of technical and economic parameters, to support mine planning and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit. The estimate is based on detailed and reliable exploration and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes that are spaced closely enough for geological and grade continuity to be reasonably assumed. An inferred mineral resource is that part of a mineral resource for which quantity and grade or quality can be estimated on the basis of geological evidence and limited sampling and reasonably assumed, but not verified, geological and grade continuity. The estimate is based on limited information and sampling gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes. Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

The qualified person responsible for the LaRonde II, Lapa and Goldex pre-feasibility studies is Rosaire Émond P.Eng., Regional Division's Senior Mining Engineer.

The qualified person responsible for the LaRonde mineral reserve and resource estimate is Guy Gosselin, P.Eng, P.Geo., LaRonde Division's Chief Geologist. A description of the operating and capital cost assumptions, parameters and methods used to estimate the Penna shaft can be found in the LaRonde Division SEDAR disclosure cited above. Recently disclosed probable reserves, located between 9,200 ft and 9850 ft depth, are estimated using a grade cut-off equivalent to a minimum net smelter return of \$42.90/ton.

The qualified person responsible for the Lapa and Goldex mineral reserve and resource estimates is Marc H. Legault, P.Eng., Manager, Project Evaluations of Agnico-Eagle.

The minimum gold grade cut-off used to evaluate drill intercepts at Goldex was 0.04 oz/ton over a minimum true thickness of 50 feet. The reserve was derived by evaluating a three-dimensional model of the Goldex Extension zone, whose gold grade was estimated using a 95% confidence interval grade calculation method, and then adjusting the model envelope to only include sectors with a high probability of exceeding the cut-off grade.

In estimating the Lapa resource and reserve, a minimum gold grade cut-off of 0.15 and 0.19 oz/ton, respectively was used to evaluate drill intercepts that have been adjusted to respect a minimum mining width of 9.2 ft. The estimate was derived using a three dimensional block model of the deposit; the grades were interpolated using the inverse distance power squared method.

The qualified person responsible for the Bousquet and Ellison mineral reserve and resource estimates is Normand Bédard P.Ge., Regional Division's Senior Geologist. In estimating the Bousquet and Ellison mineral resource and reserve, a minimum gold grade cut-off of 0.09 oz/ton was used to evaluate drill intercepts that have been adjusted to respect a minimum mining width of 9.8 ft. The estimate was derived using a combination of three dimensional block modeling (grades were interpolated using the inverse distance power squared method) for certain zones and for other zones, by the polygonal method on longitudinal sections. A portion of the resource estimate is based on estimates reported when the Bousquet I mine closed in 1996. The resource was reviewed and reclassified using the CIM definition and guidelines. This information is of a good quality and is considered reliable.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LIMITED

The accompanying financial statements of Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited and all the information in this annual report are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Board of Directors.

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Where alternative accounting methods exist, management has selected those it considered to be the most appropriate in the circumstances. The financial statements are not precise, since they include amounts based on estimates and judgments. Management has determined such amounts on a reasonable basis in order to ensure that the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects. Management has prepared the financial information presented elsewhere in the annual report and has ensured that it is consistent with that in the financial statements.

Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited maintains systems of internal accounting and administrative controls of high quality, consistent with reasonable cost. Such systems are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is relevant, reliable and accurate and that the Company's assets are appropriately accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements. The Board of Directors carries out this responsibility principally through its Audit Committee.

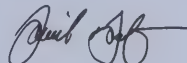
The Audit Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors and all of its members are independent directors. The Audit Committee meets periodically with management, as well as the external auditors, to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues, to satisfy itself that each party is properly discharging its responsibilities, and to review the annual report, the financial statements and the external auditors' report. The Audit Committee reports its findings to the Board of Directors for consideration when approving the financial statements for issuance to the shareholders.

The Audit Committee also considers, for review by the Board of Directors and approval by the shareholders, the engagement or re-appointment of the external auditors.

The financial statements have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, the external auditors, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and United States generally accepted auditing standards on behalf of the shareholders. Ernst & Young LLP has full and free access to the Audit Committee.



Sean Boyd, C.A.
President and
Chief Executive Officer



David Garofalo, C.A.
Vice President, Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

*Toronto, Canada,
February 24, 2004*

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited:

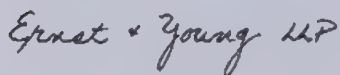
We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited as at December 31, 2003 and 2002 and the consolidated statements of income (loss), deficit and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and United States generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2003 and 2002 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2003 in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

We also reported separately on February 24, 2004 to the shareholders of Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited, on our audit, conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and United States generally accepted auditing standards, where we expressed an opinion without reservation on the December 31, 2003 and 2002 consolidated financial statements, prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

As described in the "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies — Stock-based compensation", the Company changed its method of accounting for stock-based compensation effective January 1, 2003.



Ernst & Young LLP
Chartered Accountants
Toronto, Canada,
February 24, 2004

AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LIMITED

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These consolidated financial statements of Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (“Agnico-Eagle” or the “Company”) are expressed in thousands of United States dollars (“US dollars”), except where noted, and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (“CDN GAAP”). We have also prepared consolidated financial statements in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles. Since a precise determination of many assets and liabilities depends on future events, the presentation of consolidated financial statements for a period necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations. Actual results may differ from such estimates and approximations. The consolidated financial statements have, in management’s opinion, been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the significant accounting policies referred to below.

Basis of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and all its subsidiaries. Prior to October 15, 2001, Agnico-Eagle consolidated its 49.5% direct and indirect ownership interest in Mentor Exploration and Development Co., Limited (“Mentor”) on the basis of the Company’s ability to determine its strategic operating, investing and financing policies. Effective October 15, 2001, Mentor was amalgamated with the Company under a court approved plan of arrangement to continue as Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited.

The cost of the Company’s own shares held by Mentor had been presented in the consolidated balance sheet as a reduction of shareholders’ equity. Changes in the Company’s own shares held by a subsidiary company resulted from purchases and sales of Agnico-Eagle’s shares by Mentor.

Agnico-Eagle recognizes gains and losses on the effective disposition of interests in associated companies arising when such associated companies issue treasury shares to third parties. Gains and losses are recognized in income.

As a result of issuances of stock by its subsidiary company, Sudbury Contact Mines Limited (“Sudbury”), the Company’s interest in Sudbury has been diluted to below 50% during the year. The Company therefore no longer consolidates the results of Sudbury but accounts for its investment using the equity method of accounting as the Company is no longer able to determine Sudbury’s strategic, operating, investing and financing decisions. The Company reports its share of losses in Sudbury as a separate line item in the financial statements. The Company began using the equity method to account for its interest in Sudbury on September 1, 2003.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on account and short-term investments in money market instruments with original maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase. Short-term investments are carried at cost, which approximates market value.

Inventories

Inventories consist of ore stockpiles, in-process concentrates and supplies.

Ore stockpiles represent coarse ore that has been mined and is available for further processing. Stockpiles are measured by estimating the number of tons, contained ounces (based on assays) and recovery percentages (based on actual recovery rates achieved for processing similar ore). Specific tonnages are verified and compared to original estimates once the stockpile is milled. Stockpiles are not intended to be long-term inventory items and therefore are generally processed within twelve months of extraction. Ore stockpiles are valued at the lower of mining costs and net realizeable value incurred up to the point of stockpiling the ore, including amortization relating to the mining operations.

In-process inventories consist of concentrates for which legal title has not yet passed to custom smelters. In-process inventories are measured based on assays of the processed concentrates and are valued based on the lower of net realizeable value and the mining and milling costs associated with extracting and processing the ore.

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Supplies, consisting of mine stores inventory, are valued at the lower of average cost and replacement cost.

Deferred financing costs

Deferred financing costs, which are included in other assets on the consolidated balance sheets and relate to the Company's revolving credit facility, are being amortized to income over the term of the related obligations. If the holders of the Company's convertible debentures exercise their conversion option, the common shares issued on such conversion will be recorded at an amount equal to the aggregate of the carrying value of the long-term liability and the conversion option extinguished, net of the associated financing costs, with no gain or loss being recognized in income.

Mining properties, plant and equipment and deferred expenditures

Significant payments related to the acquisition of land and mineral rights are capitalized as mining properties at cost. If a mineable ore body is discovered, such costs are amortized when production begins, using the unit-of-production method, based on estimated proven and probable reserves. If no mineable ore body is discovered, such costs are expensed in the period in which it is determined the property has no future economic value.

Expenditures for new facilities and improvements that can extend the useful lives of existing facilities are capitalized as plant and equipment at cost. Interest costs incurred, prior to the commencement of commercial production for projects specifically financed by debt, are capitalized.

Agnico-Eagle records depreciation on plant and equipment used in commercial production on a unit-of-production basis based on the estimated proven and probable ore reserves of the mine, which does not exceed 20 years. Repairs and maintenance expenditures are charged to income as production costs. Assets under construction are not depreciated until the end of the construction period. Upon commencement of commercial production, the capitalized construction costs are transferred to the various categories of plant and equipment.

Mineral exploration costs are charged to income in the year in which they are incurred. When it is determined that a mining property can be economically developed as a result of established proven and probable reserves, the costs of further exploration and development to further delineate the ore body on such property are capitalized. Determination as to the establishment of proven and probable reserves is based on results of final feasibility studies, which indicate whether a property is economically feasible. Upon commencement of the commercial production of a development project, these costs are transferred to the appropriate asset category and are amortized using the unit-of-production method mentioned above. Deferred expenditures, net of salvage values, relating to a property which is abandoned or considered uneconomic for the foreseeable future, are written off.

The carrying values of mining properties, plant and equipment and deferred expenditures are reviewed periodically, when impairment factors exist, for possible impairment, based on the future undiscounted net cash flows of the operating mine and development property. If it is determined that the estimated net recoverable amount is less than the carrying value, then a write down to the estimated net recoverable amount is made with a charge to income. Estimated future cash flows of an operating mine and development properties include estimates of recoverable ounces of gold based on the proven and probable reserves of the mine, and gold prices (considering current and historical prices, price trends and related factors), production levels, capital and reclamation costs, and related income and mining taxes, all based on detailed engineering life-of-mine plans. Cash flows are subject to risks and uncertainties and changes in the estimates of the cash flows could affect the recoverability of long-lived assets.

Financial Instruments

Agnico-Eagle employs derivative financial instruments, primarily option contracts, to manage exposure to fluctuations in metal prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. Agnico-Eagle does not hold

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financial instruments or derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. Net premiums and the fair value of all call options written are recognized in income.

Foreign currency derivative financial instruments are used to hedge the effects of exchange rate changes on identified foreign currency exposures. Items hedged by foreign currency contracts are translated at contract rates and gains or losses on these contracts are recorded as part of the related transactions, for which they are designated as hedges.

Cash flows arising in respect of hedging transactions are recognized under cash flows from operating activities.

Revenue recognition

Revenue from concentrates is recognized when legal title passes to the custom smelters and is valued on an estimated net realizable value basis. Periodic adjustments on the final settlement of concentrates previously sold to smelters are included in revenue as soon as the amount can be reasonably determined. Revenue from gold and silver in the form of doré bars is recorded when the refined gold and silver are sold and are also included in revenues from mining operations.

Revenues from mining operations consist of gold and byproduct revenues, net of smelting, refining and marketing charges.

Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities of Agnico-Eagle's operations denominated in a currency other than US dollars are translated into US dollars using the exchange rate in effect at the year end. Non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at historical exchange rates while revenues and expenses are translated at the average exchange rate during the year, with the exception of amortization, which is translated at historical exchange rates. Exchange gains and losses are included in income except for gains and losses on foreign currency contracts used to hedge specific future commitments in foreign currencies. Gains and losses on these contracts are accounted for as a component of the related hedged transactions.

Reclamation costs

Estimated future reclamation costs are based primarily on legal environmental and regulatory requirements. The costs of Agnico-Eagle's active mining operations are accrued, on an undiscounted basis, as a production cost, on a unit-of-production method based on the proven and probable reserves. Future reclamation costs for the Company's inactive mines are accrued based on management's best estimate of the costs at the end of each period, comprising costs expected to be incurred at a site, on an undiscounted basis. Such cost estimates include, where applicable, ongoing care and maintenance and monitoring costs. Changes in estimates are reflected in income in the period an estimate is revised.

Income and mining taxes

Agnico-Eagle follows the liability method of tax allocation for accounting for income taxes. Under this method of tax allocation, future income and mining tax bases of assets and liabilities are measured using the substantively enacted tax rates and laws expected to be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse.

From time to time, the Company issues flow-through shares to finance some of its exploration activities. Common shares of the Company are issued for cash at the market price in exchange for Agnico-Eagle giving up the tax benefits arising from the exploration activities. Agnico-Eagle records such common share issuances by crediting share capital for the full value of cash consideration received. The cost of the future income and mining tax benefits arising at the time Agnico-Eagle renounces the income and mining tax deductibility of the eligible expenditures to the investors are accounted for as a share issue cost.

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Stock-based compensation

Agnico-Eagle has two stock-based compensation plans. The Employee Stock Option Plan is described in note 7(a) and the Incentive Share Purchase Plan is described in note 7(b) to the consolidated financial statements.

On January 1, 2002, the Company adopted the new recommendations of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Handbook Section 3870, "Stock-based compensation and other stock-based payments" ("Section 3870"). Section 3870 requires prospective application of its recommendations for stock-based grants after January 1, 2002. Based on the requirements of Section 3870, accounting for the Company's stock-based compensation results in recording no compensation expense. All options granted under this plan had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying stock on the date of grant. Pro-forma fair value disclosures assume that the estimated fair value of options would be amortized to expense over the options' vesting period. Any consideration paid by employees on exercise of stock options or purchase of stock is credited to share capital.

Effective January 1, 2003, the Company prospectively adopted fair value of provision of Section 3870. These provisions recommend the expensing of stock option grants after January 1, 2003. The standards recommend that the fair value of stock options be recognized in income over the applicable vesting period as a compensation expense. Any consideration paid by employees on exercise of stock options or purchase of stock is credited to share capital.

Pension costs and obligations and post retirement benefits

Prior to July 1, 1997, Agnico-Eagle had a defined benefit plan for its salaried employees, which was substantially converted to a defined contribution plan. In addition, Agnico-Eagle provides a non-registered supplementary executive retirement defined benefit plan for its senior officers. The executive retirement plan benefits are generally based on the employees' years of service and level of compensation. Pension expense related to the defined benefit plan is the net of the cost of benefits provided, the interest cost of projected benefits, return on plan assets and amortization of experience gains and losses. Pension fund assets are measured at current fair values. Actuarially determined plan surpluses or deficits, experience gains or losses and the cost of pension plan improvements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the expected average remaining service life of the employee group.

Agnico-Eagle maintains a defined contribution plan covering all its employees. The plan is funded by Company contributions based on a percentage of earnings for services rendered by employees.

The Company does not offer any post retirement benefits to its employees.

Earnings per share

The Company uses the treasury stock method to compute earnings per share. Under the treasury stock method, the exercise of stock options is assumed to occur at the beginning of the period or at the time of issuance, if later, and the proceeds from the exercise of these stock options are assumed to be used to repurchase common shares of the Company at the average market price during the period and the incremental shares (the difference between the number of shares assumed issued and the number of shares assumed purchased) are included in the denominator of the diluted earnings per share computation. Under the imputed earnings approach, the proceeds are assumed to be invested to earn a return.

Basic earnings per common share are calculated on net income using the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the financial period. The Company's convertible subordinated debentures are considered to be anti-dilutive for purposes of earnings per share calculations.

Comparative figures

Certain items in the comparative consolidated financial statements have been reclassified from statements previously presented to conform to the presentation of the 2003 consolidated financial statements.

AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
(thousands of United States dollars, CDN GAAP basis)

| | As at December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$110,365 | \$152,934 |
| Metals awaiting settlement (note 1) | 34,570 | 29,749 |
| Income and mining taxes recoverable | 7,539 | 2,900 |
| Inventories: | | |
| Ore stockpiles | 6,557 | — |
| In-process | 1,346 | 5,917 |
| Supplies | 6,276 | 4,703 |
| Prepaid expenses and other (note 2(a)) | 8,187 | 7,576 |
| Total current assets | 174,840 | 203,779 |
| Other assets (note 2(b)) | 12,309 | 8,951 |
| Future income and mining tax assets (note 8) | 42,863 | 22,929 |
| Mining properties (note 3) | 401,744 | 356,409 |
| | <u>\$631,756</u> | <u>\$592,068</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 29,915 | \$ 15,246 |
| Dividends payable | 3,327 | 3,013 |
| Income and mining taxes payable | — | 954 |
| Interest payable | 3,161 | 1,873 |
| Total current liabilities | 36,403 | 21,086 |
| Long-term debt (note 4) | — | — |
| Reclamation provision and other liabilities (note 5) | 12,298 | 4,314 |
| Future income and mining tax liabilities (note 8) | 41,302 | 23,819 |
| <i>Shareholders' Equity</i> | | |
| Common shares (note 6(a)) | | |
| Authorized — unlimited | | |
| Issued — 84,469,804 (2002 — 83,636,861) | 450,945 | 441,363 |
| Convertible subordinated debentures (note 4(a)) | 95,057 | 91,465 |
| Other paid-in capital (note 4(a)) | 55,028 | 55,028 |
| Warrants (note 6(d)) | 15,732 | 15,732 |
| Contributed surplus | 5,560 | 5,560 |
| Deficit | (80,569) | (66,299) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 541,753 | 542,849 |
| | <u>\$631,756</u> | <u>\$592,068</u> |

On behalf of the Board:



Sean Boyd C.A., Director



Bernard Kraft C.A., Director

See accompanying notes

AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LIMITED
STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS)
(thousands of United States dollars, CDN GAAP basis)

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| REVENUES | | | |
| Revenues from mining operations | \$126,820 | \$107,781 | \$93,677 |
| Interest and sundry income | 2,429 | 2,038 | 1,784 |
| | <u>129,249</u> | <u>109,819</u> | <u>95,461</u> |
| COSTS AND EXPENSES | | | |
| Production (note 3) | 105,654 | 76,926 | 65,789 |
| Exploration and corporate development (note 3) | 5,975 | 3,766 | 6,391 |
| Equity loss in junior exploration company | 1,626 | — | — |
| Amortization | 17,504 | 12,606 | 10,679 |
| General and administrative | 7,121 | 5,781 | 4,461 |
| Capital tax | 1,240 | 829 | 1,551 |
| Interest (note 4) | 2,179 | 1,984 | 14,618 |
| Foreign currency gain | (56) | (974) | (336) |
| Income (loss) before the undernoted | (11,994) | 8,901 | (7,692) |
| Gain on settlement of senior convertible notes (note 4(a)) | — | 6,184 | — |
| Dilution gain on issuance of shares by subsidiary | 4,499 | — | — |
| Income (loss) before income and mining taxes | (7,495) | 15,085 | (7,692) |
| Federal capital tax | 1,090 | 949 | 723 |
| Income and mining tax expense (recovery) (note 8) | (1,123) | 939 | (760) |
| Net income (loss) for the year | <u>\$ (7,462)</u> | <u>\$ 13,197</u> | <u>\$ (7,655)</u> |
| Net income (loss) per share — basic and diluted (note 6(d)) | <u>\$ (0.17)</u> | <u>\$ 0.07</u> | <u>\$ (0.12)</u> |

See accompanying notes

AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LIMITED
STATEMENT OF DEFICIT
(thousands of United States dollars, CDN GAAP basis)

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2002 |
| Deficit | | | |
| Balance, beginning of year (as reported) | \$ (66,299) | \$(58,490) | \$(38,639) |
| Change in accounting policy with respect to foreign currency translation . . . | — | — | (5,345) |
| Balance, beginning of year (as adjusted) | (66,299) | (58,490) | (43,984) |
| Net income (loss) for the year | (7,462) | 13,197 | (7,655) |
| | (73,761) | (45,293) | (51,639) |
| Dividends declared (2002 — US\$0.03 per share; 2001 — US\$0.02 per share) | (2,534) | (2,509) | (1,354) |
| Interest on convertible subordinated debentures, net of tax | (4,003) | (7,847) | — |
| Financing costs | — | (5,321) | — |
| Share and warrant issue costs | (271) | (9,162) | (5,497) |
| Gain on settlement of senior convertible notes (note 4(a)) | — | 3,833 | — |
| Balance, end of year | <u>\$ (80,569)</u> | <u>\$(66,299)</u> | <u>\$(58,490)</u> |

See accompanying notes

AGNICO-EAGLE MINES LIMITED
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(thousands of United States dollars, CDN GAAP basis)

| | Years ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Operating activities | | | |
| Net income (loss) for the year | \$ (7,462) | \$ 13,197 | \$ (7,655) |
| Add (deduct) items not affecting cash from operating activities: | | | |
| Amortization | 17,504 | 12,606 | 10,679 |
| Future income and mining tax provisions | 1,414 | 1,300 | 1,441 |
| Gain on settlement of senior convertible notes | — | (6,184) | — |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on derivative instruments | (2,693) | — | — |
| Dilution gain on issuance of shares by subsidiary | (4,499) | — | — |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs, reclamation and other | 327 | 213 | 7,894 |
| | <u>4,591</u> | <u>21,132</u> | <u>12,359</u> |
| Premiums received (paid) on metals, interest rates and foreign currency option contracts . . . | — | (56) | 73 |
| Changes in non-cash working capital balances | | | |
| Metals awaiting settlement | (4,821) | (8,740) | (5,774) |
| Inventories | (3,559) | (1,546) | (2,553) |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 447 | (15) | (154) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 17,414 | 8,328 | (7,765) |
| Income and mining taxes recoverable and payable | (4,639) | (2,549) | 429 |
| Interest payable | 1,288 | (179) | (794) |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities | <u>10,721</u> | <u>16,375</u> | <u>(4,179)</u> |
| Investing activities | | | |
| Additions to mining properties | (42,038) | (64,836) | (36,278) |
| Additions to investments and other | (10,438) | (1,773) | (278) |
| Cash flows used in investing activities | <u>(52,476)</u> | <u>(66,609)</u> | <u>(36,556)</u> |
| Financing activities | | | |
| Dividends paid | (2,431) | (1,344) | (1,114) |
| Common shares issued | 8,141 | 193,784 | 87,704 |
| Interest on Convertible debentures charged to deficit | (6,468) | — | — |
| Warrants issued | — | 15,732 | — |
| Share and warrant issue costs | (271) | (9,162) | (5,497) |
| Proceeds from long-term debt (note 4(a)) | — | 143,750 | 37,500 |
| Financing costs | — | (8,529) | (2,828) |
| Repayment of senior convertible notes (note 4(a)) | — | (122,169) | (75,000) |
| Bank debt | — | (30,000) | — |
| Resale of the Company's own shares by a subsidiary company and other | — | — | 7,802 |
| Cash flows provide by (used in) financing activities | <u>(1,029)</u> | <u>182,062</u> | <u>48,567</u> |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 215 | (74) | (558) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (42,569) | 131,754 | 7,274 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | 152,934 | 21,180 | 13,906 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | <u>\$110,365</u> | <u>\$152,934</u> | <u>\$21,180</u> |

See notes 4, 8 and 10 for supplemental cash flow information

See accompanying notes

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1. METALS AWAITING SETTLEMENT

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2002</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Precious metals | \$ 1,327 | \$ 2,856 |
| Concentrates awaiting settlement | 33,243 | 26,893 |
| | <u>\$34,570</u> | <u>\$29,749</u> |

In 2003, precious metals (gold and silver) accounted for 83.7% (2002 — 87.7%; 2001 — 79.8%) of Agnico-Eagle's revenues from mining operations. Other net byproduct revenues in 2003 consisted of 11.2% zinc (2002 — 12.3%; 2001 — 20.2%) and 5.1% copper (2002 — nil; 2001 — nil).

2. OTHER ASSETS

(a) Prepaid expenses and other

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2002</u> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Marketable securities — market value \$4,426 (2002 — \$3,886) | \$ 2,250 | \$ 2,328 |
| Prepaid expenses | 1,269 | 824 |
| Loans receivable | 540 | 465 |
| Federal and provincial sales taxes recoverable | 3,499 | 3,716 |
| Other | 629 | 243 |
| | <u>\$ 8,187</u> | <u>\$ 7,576</u> |

(b) Other assets

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2002</u> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Premiums paid on metals and interest rate option contracts | 5,352 | 4,413 |
| Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,257 (2002 — \$622) | 3,823 | 4,003 |
| Loan to Sudbury Contact Mines Limited | 2,739 | — |
| Other | 395 | 535 |
| | <u>\$12,309</u> | <u>\$ 8,951</u> |

3. MINING PROPERTIES

| | <u>2003</u> | | | <u>2002</u> | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Accumulated Amortization</u> | <u>Net Book Value</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Accumulated Amortization</u> | <u>Net Book Value</u> |
| Mining properties | \$ 66,596 | \$ 10,289 | \$ 56,307 | \$ 45,706 | \$ 8,335 | \$ 37,371 |
| Plant and equipment | 260,752 | 62,426 | 198,326 | 239,397 | 54,608 | 184,789 |
| Deferred expenditures | 181,661 | 34,550 | 147,111 | 161,067 | 26,818 | 134,249 |
| | <u>\$509,009</u> | <u>\$107,265</u> | <u>\$401,744</u> | <u>\$446,170</u> | <u>\$89,761</u> | <u>\$356,409</u> |

Included in exploration expense in 2001 is the Company's write-off of its investment in the Tonkin Springs project of \$1.6 million and the payment of \$0.7 million for environmental restoration costs. On March 1, 1999, Sudbury Contact acquired a 60% interest in Tonkin Springs, an advanced exploration property on the Battle Mountain-Cortez Gold Trend in Nevada, for \$1.6 million. The remaining 40% ownership interest was owned and controlled by U.S. Gold Corporation, an unrelated gold exploration company based in the United States. Effective October 18, 2001, management determined that this project was not viable under the current gold price environment and elected, under the management and operating agreement with U.S. Gold Corporation, to exit the Tonkin Springs project as the project manager and relinquish its entire ownership interest in Tonkin Springs. The Company's obligation with respect to environmental and regulatory requirements was fully satisfied by the payment of \$0.5 million in additional environmental bonding and \$0.2 million to an independent consultant under an escrow agreement for future environmental restoration work.

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3. MINING PROPERTIES (Continued)

The Company's El Coco property ("El Coco"), located adjacent to and immediately east of the Company's LaRonde Mine, is subject to a royalty interest payable to Barrick Gold Corporation. The El Coco royalty, on production from an area that extends 500 metres from the property boundary with the LaRonde Mine, consists of a 50% net profits interest ("NPI"), which is defined as net revenues from the sale of minerals produced from the property less the pro-rated portion of the production costs and allowable direct and common capital expenditures related to the exploration and development of the property. The remaining area of the El Coco property is subject to a 4% net smelter return royalty (defined as gross revenues from the sales of minerals less applicable refining, selling and delivery costs and applicable taxes). During 2003, the Company made NPI royalty payments of \$8.9 million (2002 — \$12.0 million; 2001 — \$5.4 million).

4. LONG-TERM DEBT

(a) *Convertible subordinated debentures*

On February 15, 2002, Agnico-Eagle issued \$143.8 million aggregate stated amount at maturity of convertible subordinated debentures due February 15, 2012 for net proceeds of \$138.5 million after deducting underwriting commissions of \$4.3 million and other issue costs of \$1.0 million. The debentures bear interest of 4.50% per annum on the principal amount payable in cash semi-annually. The debentures are convertible to common shares of Agnico-Eagle at the option of the holder, at any time on or prior to maturity, at a rate of 71.429 common shares per \$1,000 principal amount. The debentures are redeemable by Agnico-Eagle, in whole or in part, at any time on or after February 15, 2006 at a redemption price equal to par plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Company may redeem the debentures in cash or, at the option of the Company, by delivering freely tradeable common shares.

The fair value of the conversion option associated with the senior convertible notes on the date of issuance was \$55.0 million and is reflected as "Other paid-in capital". The fair value of Agnico-Eagle's obligation to the convertible debenture holders for the principal and interest payments, at the time of issuance of \$88.8 million, is included as a component of shareholders' equity. Interest costs related to the convertible debentures are charged to deficit as incurred, but are included as a component of the Company's net income (loss) for purposes of calculating income (loss) per share.

On February 18, 2002, the Company's January 27, 2004 senior convertible notes were called for redemption. This transaction resulted in a gain of \$8.7 million, net of related income taxes of \$2.2 million, of which \$3.8 million (related taxes of \$0.9 million) was credited to deficit and \$4.9 million (related taxes of \$1.3 million) was recognized in income.

(b) *Revolving credit facility*

The revolving credit facility (the "Facility") with a syndicate of banks provides the Company with up to \$125 million of revolving debt. Under the terms of the Facility, which is primarily secured by a first charge on the Company's LaRonde Mine and the El Coco property, an initial tranche of \$100 million is currently available and a second tranche of \$25 million will also be made available upon satisfaction of certain completion tests in connection with the LaRonde Mine expansion to 7,000 tons of ore per day. The Facility is fully revolving until the end of 2004, at which time the drawn portion of the Facility will begin to amortize at annual rates of 25%, 32.5%, 20%, 12.5% and 10% in the years 2004 to 2008, respectively. The interest rate under the Facility currently is LIBOR plus 2.25% per annum and a standby fee of 1% per annum on any undrawn portion of the Facility. At the end of 2003 and 2002, the Facility was completely undrawn.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, interest expense was \$2.2 million (2002 — \$2.0 million; 2001 — \$12.9 million) of which cash payments were \$1.5 million (2002 — \$24.4 million; 2001 — \$10.4 million). Approximately \$19 million of the cash interest payments in 2002 were in connection with the redemption of the Company's January 27, 2004 senior convertible notes. In 2003, cash interest on the Facility was nil, (2002 — \$1.3 million; 2001 — \$9.1 million) and cash standby fees on the Facility were \$1.2 million (2002 — \$1.0 million; 2001 — \$1.0 million). In 2003, cash interest on the Facility of nil (2002 — \$2.3 million; 2001 — nil) was capitalized in construction in progress. Weighted average interest rate for the year ended December 31, 2003 was 6.4% (2002 — 7.6%; 2001 — 6.1%).

In 2003, the Company was unable to achieve its completion test and was in default of its interest coverage covenants. Given that the Facility was completely undrawn throughout 2003, these were technical violations which were waived by all the banks in the lending syndicate for the third and fourth quarters of 2003.

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5. RECLAMATION PROVISION AND OTHER LIABILITIES

Reclamation provision and other liabilities consist of the following:

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Reclamation and closure costs (note a) | \$ 9,279 | \$2,066 |
| Pension benefits (note b) | 3,019 | 2,248 |
| | <u>\$12,298</u> | <u>\$4,314</u> |

(a) Reclamation and closure costs

Under mine closure plans submitted to the Minister of Natural Resources in Quebec, the estimated future reclamation costs for the LaRonde and Bousquet mines are approximately \$17.0 million and \$2.7 million respectively. These reclamation estimates are based on current legislation and there can be no assurance that the Minister of Natural Resources will not impose additional reclamation obligations with higher costs. All of the accrued reclamation and closure costs are long-term in nature and thus no portion of these costs has been reclassified to current liabilities. The Company does not currently have assets that are restricted for the purposes of settling these obligations.

(b) Pension benefits

Effective July 1, 1997, Agnico-Eagle's defined benefit pension plan for active employees was converted to a defined contribution plan. Employees retired prior to that date remain in the defined benefit pension plan. In addition, Agnico-Eagle also provides a non-registered executive supplementary defined benefit plan for certain senior officers. The funded status of Agnico-Eagle's defined benefit employees' pension plan is based on an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2002 and projected to December 31, 2003. The funded status of the executive supplementary defined benefit plan is based on an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2003 and is projected to December 31, 2003. The components of Agnico-Eagle's defined benefit expense are as follows:

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Service cost — benefits earned during the year | \$ 263 | \$ 210 | \$ 194 |
| Actuarial losses | 26 | — | — |
| Interest cost on projected benefit obligation | 419 | 348 | 312 |
| Return on plan assets | (127) | (125) | (162) |
| Amortization of net transition asset, past service liability and net experience gains | 58 | (138) | 52 |
| Net pension plan expense | <u>\$ 639</u> | <u>\$ 295</u> | <u>\$ 396</u> |

Agnico-Eagle contributes 5% of its payroll expense to a defined contribution plan. The expense in 2003 was \$1.4 million (2002 — \$1.1 million; 2001 — \$0.8 million).

Assets of the defined benefit employees' pension ("Employees") plan are comprised of pooled Canadian and US equity funds and pooled bond funds. As of the measurement date, the plan's assets are allocated 65% to equity securities, 34% to fixed income securities, and 1% to cash and short-term investments. The Employees plan is relatively mature with more a substantial portion of the projected benefit obligation liability attributable to pensioners and there are no contributions being made to the plan. Since benefit payments are completely funded from plan assets and investment returns, the plan assets are managed to achieve a moderate degree of risk in terms of short-term variability of returns. The major categories of plan assets along with minimum, maximum and target allocations are presented below:

| | Minimum | Maximum | Target |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Cash and equivalents | 0% | 35% | 5% |
| Fixed income securities | 25% | 75% | 35% |
| Equity securities | 25% | 65% | 60% |
| Real estate | 0% | 10% | 0% |

Fixed income securities must meet quality constraints in the form of minimum investment ratings. Equity securities also have quality constraints in the form of maximum allocations to any one security and maximum exposure to any one industry group. The accumulated benefit obligation for the Employees plan is equal to the projected benefit obligation and no amount was included in accumulated other comprehensive income for this plan in 2003 or 2002.

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5. RECLAMATION PROVISION AND OTHER LIABILITIES (Continued)

Assets for the executives' retirement ("Executives") plan consist of deposits on hand with regulatory authorities which are refundable when benefit payments are made or on the ultimate wind-up of the plan.

The funded status of the Employees and the Executives plans for 2003 and 2002 are as follows:

| | 2003 | | 2002 | |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Employees | Executives | Employees | Executives |
| Reconciliation of the market value of plan assets | | | | |
| Fair value of plan assets, beginning of year | \$1,576 | \$ 200 | \$1,704 | \$ 176 |
| Agnico-Eagle's contribution | — | 56 | — | 44 |
| Actual return on plan assets | 321 | — | (31) | — |
| Benefit payments | (132) | (28) | (111) | (22) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes | 367 | 47 | 14 | 2 |
| Fair value of plan assets, end of year | <u>\$2,132</u> | <u>\$ 275</u> | <u>\$1,576</u> | <u>\$ 200</u> |
| Reconciliation of projected benefit obligation | | | | |
| Projected benefit obligation, beginning of year | \$1,468 | \$ 4,081 | \$1,439 | \$ 3,241 |
| Service costs | — | 263 | — | 210 |
| Interest costs | 101 | 318 | 95 | 253 |
| Actuarial losses | 35 | 188 | 34 | 377 |
| Benefit payments | (132) | (28) | (111) | (22) |
| Plan amendments | (29) | 92 | — | — |
| Effect of exchange rate changes | 325 | 979 | 11 | 22 |
| Projected benefit obligation, end of year | <u>\$1,768</u> | <u>\$ 5,893</u> | <u>\$1,468</u> | <u>\$ 4,081</u> |
| Excess (deficiency) of plan assets over projected benefit obligation | <u>\$ 364</u> | <u>\$(5,618)</u> | <u>\$ 108</u> | <u>\$(3,881)</u> |
| Comprised of: | | | | |
| Unamortized transition asset (liability) | \$ 839 | \$(2,000) | \$ 823 | \$(1,568) |
| Unamortized net experience loss | (166) | (599) | (324) | (242) |
| Accrued liabilities | (308) | (3,019) | (391) | (2,071) |
| | <u>\$ 364</u> | <u>\$(5,618)</u> | <u>\$ 108</u> | <u>\$(3,881)</u> |
| Discount rate (note ⁽ⁱ⁾) | 6.50% | 6.50% | 6.50% | 6.50% |
| Rate of return | 7.50% | n.a. | 7.50% | n.a. |
| Rate of salary increase | n.a. | 3.0% | n.a. | 3.0% |
| Estimated average remaining service life for the (in years) | 5 | 8 ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ | 8 | 9 ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ |

Notes:

(i) Discount rates used for the Executives plan are after-tax rates.

(ii) Estimated average remaining service life for the Executives plan was developed for individual senior officers.

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6. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(a) Common Shares

| | 2003 | | 2002 | | 2001 | |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Shares | Amount | Shares | Amount | Shares | Amount |
| Common shares issued, beginning of year | 83,636,861 | \$441,363 | 67,722,853 | \$247,965 | 56,139,480 | \$158,252 |
| Shares issued under stock options (note 7(a)) . . . | 229,100 | 1,636 | 1,927,500 | 14,580 | 426,100 | 2,100 |
| Shares issued under the Share Purchase Plan (note 7(b)) | 217,855 | 2,605 | 138,747 | 2,061 | 209,826 | 1,783 |
| Shares issued under flow-through share private placements (note 6(b)) | 255,768 | 3,813 | 40,161 | 641 | 200,000 | 2,513 |
| Shares issued by public offering, net of share issue costs (note 6(c)) | — | — | 13,800,000 | 175,998 | 10,350,000 | 81,368 |
| Shares issued on the conversion of the Company's senior convertible notes | — | — | 4,460 | 80 | 6,691 | 113 |
| Shares issued to acquire Mentor | — | — | — | — | 369,348 | 1,719 |
| Shares issued for acquisitions (note 10) | 125,612 | 1,466 | — | — | — | — |
| Shares issued under the Company's dividend reinvestment plan | 4,608 | 59 | 3,140 | 38 | 21,408 | 117 |
| Common shares issued, end of year | <u>84,469,804</u> | <u>\$450,945</u> | <u>83,636,861</u> | <u>\$441,363</u> | <u>67,722,853</u> | <u>\$247,965</u> |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding . . | <u>83,889,115</u> | | <u>70,821,081</u> | | <u>61,333,630</u> | |

The Company's common shares are covered by a Shareholder Rights Plan whereby each shareholder, in the event of certain takeover bids or other change-in-control transactions involving the acquisition of 20% or more of Agnico-Eagle's outstanding voting shares, has the right ("Rights") to purchase from Agnico-Eagle for an exercise price of C\$80.00 that number of shares of Agnico-Eagle having an aggregate market price equal to twice the exercise price. Until such time as a triggering bid for control occurs, the Rights trade together with the existing common shares and will expire on May 10, 2009.

The Company has reserved for issuance 10,267,919 common shares in the event that the senior convertible debentures are converted into common shares and 6,900,000 common shares in the event that the warrants are exercised.

In 2003 the Company declared dividends on its common shares of \$0.03 per share (2002 — \$0.03 per share; 2001 — \$0.02 per share). Under the terms of the Company's Facility, the Company's dividend payments were restricted to an aggregate of \$16.0 million per year.

(b) Flow-through share private placements

In 2003, Agnico-Eagle issued 255,768 (2002 — 40,161; 2001 — 200,000) common shares under a flow-through share private placement for proceeds of \$3.6 million (2002 — \$0.6 million; 2001 — \$2.5 million) net of share issue costs. Agnico-Eagle has agreed to use such proceeds for the purpose of incurring Canadian exploration expenditures in connection with its 2003 and 2004 exploration activities. In 2003, the Company renounced to its investors C\$5.3 million (2002 — C\$1.0 million; 2001 — C\$4.0million) of such expenses for income tax purposes. To comply with the flow-through share agreement, the Company must incur \$3.5 million of exploration expenditures in 2004 related to the expenditures renounced in 2003.

(c) Public offering

In 2002, Agnico-Eagle issued 13,800,000 units, each consisting of one common share and one-half warrant, at \$13.90 per unit for net proceeds of \$182.9 million, after deducting share issue costs of \$9.1 million (no related income tax effect). Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of \$19.00, subject to certain adjustments summarized in the prospectus document. Warrants are exercisable at any time prior to November 14, 2007, after which the warrants will expire and be of no value. The Company will inform warrant holders, through a press release, of pending expiry at least 90 days prior to the expiry date. If all outstanding warrants were exercised, the Company would issue an additional 6,900,000 common shares.

In 2001, Agnico-Eagle issued 10,350,000 common shares at C\$10.75 per share for net proceeds of \$76.2 million, after deducting share issue costs of \$5.2 million (no related income tax effect).

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6. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

(d) Net income (loss) per share

For the purposes of calculating earnings per share, the Company uses net income (loss) after deducting interest charges on the Company's 2012 convertible subordinated debentures. The 2012 convertible subordinated debentures issued in 2002 are presented, in their entirety, as an equity instrument and as such the interest is recorded as a direct charge to deficit. Below is a reconciliation of net income (loss) per financial statements to the net income (loss) used in computing net income (loss) per share.

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Net loss per financial statements | \$ (7,462) | \$13,197 |
| Less: Interest on 2012 convertible subordinated debentures charged directly to deficit | (6,468) | (7,846) |
| Net income (loss) used in the computation of net income (loss) per share | <u>\$(13,930)</u> | <u>\$ 5,351</u> |

The following table provides the weighted average number of common shares used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share.

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding — basic | 83,889,115 | 70,821,081 | 61,333,630 |
| Add: Dilutive impact of employee stock options | — | 810,182 | — |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding — diluted | <u>83,889,115</u> | <u>71,631,263</u> | <u>61,333,630</u> |

In 2003, the employee stock options, convertible debentures and warrants were anti-dilutive and thus were not included in the calculation of diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding. In 2002, the convertible debentures and warrants were anti-dilutive and thus were excluded from the calculation of diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding. In 2001, the employee stock options and convertible debentures were anti-dilutive and thus were not included in the calculation of diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding.

(e) Maximum number of common shares

The following table presents the maximum number of common shares that would be outstanding if all dilutive instruments outstanding at December 31, 2003 were exercised or converted:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Common shares outstanding at December 31, 2003 | 84,469,804 |
| Convertible debentures (based on debenture holders option) | 10,267,919 |
| Employee stock options | 2,845,150 |
| Warrants | 6,900,000 |
| | <u>104,482,873</u> |

7. STOCK BASED COMPENSATION

(a) Employee Stock Option Plan ("ESOP")

The Company's ESOP provides for the granting of options to directors, officers, employees and service providers to purchase common shares. Under this plan, options are granted at the fair market value of the underlying shares on the date of grant. The number of shares subject to option for any one person may not exceed 5% of the Company's common shares issued and outstanding at the date of grant.

Up to May 31, 2001, the number of common shares reserved for issuance under the ESOP was 6,000,000 and options granted under the ESOP had a maximum term of ten years. On April 24, 2001, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors adopted a policy pursuant to which options granted after that date shall have a maximum term of five years. On May 31, 2001, the shareholders approved a resolution to increase the number of common shares reserved for issuance under the ESOP by 2,000,000 to 8,000,000.

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Of the 40,000 options granted under the ESOP in 2003, 37,000 options granted vest immediately and expire in the year 2008. The remaining options expire in 2008 and have a vesting period of three years, in which 33% or 1,000 vest immediately and are exercisable on the date of the grant, while the remaining 67% or 2,000 options are exercisable in equal installments, on each anniversary date of the grant, over a three-year term. Of the 1,358,500 options granted in 2002, 1,299,500 options granted vest immediately and expire in the year 2007. The remaining options vest over periods ranging from two to five years and expire between 2007 and 2012. Of the total options granted in 2001, 181,250 have a vesting period of four years, in which 20% or 36,250 vest immediately and are exercisable on the date of the grant, while the remaining 80% or 145,000 options are exercisable in equal installments, on each anniversary date of the grant, over a four-year term. The remaining 10,000 options granted in 2001 were granted for a term of five years and are exercisable on the date of grant.

The following summary sets out the activity with respect to Agnico-Eagle's outstanding stock options:

| | 2003 | | 2002 | | 2001 | |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Options | Weighted average exercise price | Options | Weighted average exercise price | Options | Weighted average exercise price |
| Outstanding, beginning of year | 3,060,350 | C\$14.47 | 3,660,200 | C\$12.04 | 3,895,050 | C\$11.73 |
| Granted | 40,000 | 18.49 | 1,358,500 | 17.07 | 191,250 | 9.49 |
| Exercised | (229,100) | 10.23 | (1,927,500) | 11.82 | (426,100) | 8.31 |
| Cancelled | (26,100) | 16.01 | (30,850) | 12.06 | — | — |
| Outstanding, end of year | <u>2,845,150</u> | <u>C\$14.85</u> | <u>3,060,350</u> | <u>C\$14.47</u> | <u>3,660,200</u> | <u>C\$12.04</u> |
| Options exercisable at end of year | <u>2,697,950</u> | | <u>2,682,500</u> | | <u>3,049,300</u> | |

The weighted average grant-date fair value of options granted in 2003 was C\$3.33. The following table summarizes information about Agnico-Eagle's stock options outstanding at December 31, 2003:

| Range of exercise prices | Options outstanding | | | Options exercisable | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Number outstanding | Weighted average remaining contractual life | Weighted average exercise price | Number exercisable | Weighted average exercise price |
| C\$6.55 — C\$9.30 | 242,800 | 5.1 years | C\$ 8.12 | 236,500 | C\$ 8.09 |
| C\$10.20 — C\$15.75 | 801,200 | 5.9 years | C\$10.54 | 689,300 | C\$10.57 |
| C\$15.93 — C\$19.94 | 1,545,650 | 2.1 years | C\$16.85 | 1,543,650 | C\$16.85 |
| C\$21.72 — C\$25.60 | 255,500 | 3.2 years | C\$22.66 | 228,500 | C\$22.75 |
| C\$6.55 — C\$25.60 | <u>2,845,150</u> | <u>3.5 years</u> | <u>C\$14.85</u> | <u>2,697,950</u> | <u>C\$14.98</u> |

The Company has reserved for issuance 2,845,150 common shares in the event that these options are exercised.

The number of un-optioned shares available for granting of options as at December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 was 759,910, 789,910, and 2,117,560, respectively.

In 2003, the Company prospectively adopted the fair value recognition provisions of Section 3870. Prior to 2003, the fair value recognition provisions were not applied and this resulted in no compensation expense being recorded in Agnico-Eagle's circumstances as all options granted had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying stock on the date of grant. The following table illustrates the effect on net income (loss) and net income (loss) per share for 2003, 2002 and 2001 as if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of Section 3870 to account for all its stock option grants. The 2003

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pro-forma compensation expense includes option grants made prior to the adoption of fair value recognition provisions of Section 3870 which vest in the current year.

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net income (loss) for the year, as reported | <u>\$(7,462)</u> | <u>\$13,197</u> | <u>\$(7,655)</u> |
| Add: Stock-based employee compensation included in reported net income (loss) | <u>95</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation determined under fair value based method for all awards | <u>(263)</u> | <u>(2,621)</u> | <u>(624)</u> |
| Pro forma net income (loss) | <u><u>\$(7,630)</u></u> | <u><u>\$10,576</u></u> | <u><u>\$(8,279)</u></u> |
| Net income (loss) per share: | | | |
| Basic and diluted, as reported | <u>\$ (0.17)</u> | <u>\$ 0.07</u> | <u>\$ (0.12)</u> |
| Basic and diluted, pro-forma | <u><u>\$ (0.17)</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 0.04</u></u> | <u><u>\$ (0.13)</u></u> |

Agnico-Eagle estimated the fair value of options under the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and the following weighted average assumptions:

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Risk free interest rate | 2.9% | 2.6% | 5.5% |
| Expected life of options (in years) | 2.5 | 2.1 | 7.5 |
| Expected volatility of Agnico-Eagle's share price | 43.5% | 36.9% | 46.2% |
| Expected dividend yield | 0.25% | 0.19% | 0.46% |

The Black-Scholes option-pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. As the Company's employee stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions, such as expected stock market price volatility, can materially affect the fair value estimate, in management's opinion, the existing pricing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of its employee stock options.

(b) Incentive Share Purchase Plan

On June 26, 1997, the shareholders approved an Incentive Share Purchase Plan (the "Purchase Plan") to encourage directors, officers and employees ("Participants") to purchase Agnico-Eagle's common shares at market values.

Under the Purchase Plan, eligible employees may contribute up to 10% of their basic annual salaries and directors may contribute up to 100% of their annual board and committee retainer fees. For both employees and directors, Agnico-Eagle contributes an amount equal to 50% of each Participant's contribution.

In 2003, 217,855 common shares were issued under the Purchase Plan (2002 — 138,747; 2001 — 209,826) for proceeds of \$2.6 million (2002 — \$2.1 million; 2001 — \$1.8 million). In June 2002, shareholders approved an increase in the maximum amount of shares reserved for issuance under the Purchase Plan to 2,500,000 from 1,000,000. Agnico-Eagle has reserved for issuance 1,349,659 common shares (2002 — 1,567,514; 2001 — 206,261) under the Purchase Plan.

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8. FUTURE INCOME AND MINING TAXES

Income and mining tax expense (recovery) is made up of the following components:

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2002</u> | <u>2001</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Current recovery | | | |
| Federal income taxes | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — |
| Provincial income taxes | — | — | — |
| Provincial mining duties | (2,537) | (2,779) | (2,201) |
| | <u>(2,537)</u> | <u>(2,779)</u> | <u>(2,201)</u> |
| Future provision (recovery) | | | |
| Federal income taxes | — | 943 | (697) |
| Provincial income taxes | — | 357 | (465) |
| Provincial mining duties | 1,414 | 2,418 | 2,603 |
| | <u>1,414</u> | <u>3,718</u> | <u>1,441</u> |
| | <u><u>\$ (1,123)</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 939</u></u> | <u><u>\$ (760)</u></u> |

Cash income and mining taxes recovered in 2003 was \$0.6 million (2002 — \$0.8 million; 2001 — \$0.6 million).

The income and mining tax expense (recovery) is different from the amount that would have been computed by applying the Canadian statutory income tax rate as a result of the following:

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2002</u> | <u>2001</u> |
|---|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Combined federal and composite provincial tax rates | (38.3)% | 39.9% | (41.3)% |
| Increase (decrease) in taxes resulting from: | | | |
| Provincial mining duties | 23.1 | (2.4) | 14.5 |
| Resource allowances | (20.3) | (31.1) | (27.0) |
| Non-deductible expenses | 14.4 | 2.0 | 24.6 |
| Non-taxable portion of capital gains | — | (13.8) | — |
| Temporary differences for which no benefit was recognized | 45.7 | 24.5 | — |
| Unrecognized benefit of non-capital losses | 54.7 | (12.9) | 19.3 |
| Effect of changes in Canadian income tax legislation | (94.3) | — | — |
| Actual rate as a percentage of pre-tax income/loss | <u>(15.0)%</u> | <u>6.2%</u> | <u>(9.9)%</u> |

Agnico-Eagle and its subsidiaries have non-capital tax loss carryforwards of approximately C\$55 million, which may be carried forward to reduce future years' taxable income. These losses expire as follows:

| | |
|------|------------------|
| 2004 | C\$ 8,188 |
| 2005 | 17,487 |
| 2006 | 6,084 |
| 2007 | 46 |
| 2009 | 8,733 |
| 2010 | 14,883 |
| | <u>C\$55,421</u> |

Agnico-Eagle has approximately C\$372 million of cumulative Canadian exploration and development expenses and \$363 million of unamortized capital pools available indefinitely to reduce future years' taxable income.

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8. FUTURE INCOME AND MINING TAXES (Continued)

As at December 31, 2003 and 2002, Agnico-Eagle's future income and mining tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

| | 2003 | | 2002 | |
|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Assets | Liabilities | Assets | Liabilities |
| Non-current: | | | | |
| Income taxes: | | | | |
| Plant and equipment | \$ 14,211 | \$ — | \$ 7,552 | \$ — |
| Deferred expenditures | 19,746 | — | 14,250 | — |
| Net operating and capital loss carry-forwards | 26,022 | — | 11,126 | — |
| Mining duties | 7,071 | — | — | — |
| Other | 5,542 | — | 4,480 | 2,531 |
| Valuation allowance | (29,729) | — | (14,479) | — |
| Total non-current | 42,863 | — | 22,929 | 2,531 |
| Mining duties: | | | | |
| Plant and equipment | 440 | 18,987 | 360 | 6,791 |
| Deferred expenditures | 344 | 23,548 | 3,869 | 14,882 |
| Other | — | (1,233) | — | (385) |
| Valuation allowance | (784) | — | (4,229) | — |
| Total non-current | — | 41,302 | — | 21,288 |
| Non-current future income and mining tax assets and liabilities | \$ 42,863 | \$ 41,302 | \$ 22,929 | \$ 23,819 |

All of Agnico-Eagle's future income tax assets and liabilities are denominated in local currency based on the jurisdiction in which the Company pays taxes and are translated into US dollars using the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet dates. The increase in the gross amounts of the future tax assets and liabilities was impacted by the weaker US dollar in relation to the Canadian dollar throughout 2003. At December 31, 2002, asset and liability amounts were translated into US dollars at an exchange rate of \$1.58 whereas at December 31, 2003, asset and liability amounts were translated at an exchange rate of \$1.29. The additional increase in future tax assets and liabilities was due to increases in capital pools resulting from the LaRonde mine capital expenditures and the purchase of the Lapa and Bousquet properties. At January 1, 2003, the valuation allowance, a reserve against future income tax assets recorded in the accounts, was \$14.5 million. In 2003, the valuation allowance increased by \$15.3 million due to the impact of a weaker US dollar and the recognition of a full valuation allowance against current year losses. The change in mining duty tax assets and the respective valuation allowance against those assets decreased \$3.4 million due to the Company no longer consolidating Sudbury.

In 2003, tax legislation changes gave rise to additional future income tax assets. As provincial mining duties are now deductible in computing Canadian federal income tax payable, the Company has recorded an asset representing the future deductions that will be available at the federal level arising from the payment of provincial mining duties. As this mining duty future income tax asset is long-term in nature and does not have a set expiry date, the Company has not provided a valuation allowance against this future tax asset.

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Agnico-Eagle enters into financial instruments with a number of financial institutions in order to hedge underlying revenue and cost exposures arising from commodity prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. Financial instruments which subject Agnico-Eagle to market risk and concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash and short-term investments and option contracts for currencies, interest rates and precious and base metals. Agnico-Eagle places its cash and short-term investments in high quality securities issued by government agencies, financial institutions and major corporations and limits the amount of credit exposure by diversifying its holdings.

Agnico-Eagle's Risk Management Policy attempts to mitigate the risks associated with fluctuating metals prices and foreign exchange rates. Agnico-Eagle uses over-the-counter put and call option metals and foreign exchange contracts to hedge its net revenues from mining operations and costs of production, respectively. These instruments are straight-forward contracts and involve little complexity. Agnico-Eagle is exposed to credit risk in the event of non-performance by counter-parties in connection with its currency and metal option contracts. Agnico-Eagle does not obtain any security to support financial instruments subject to credit risk, but mitigates the risk

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by dealing with a diverse group of creditworthy counter-parties and, accordingly, does not anticipate loss for non-performance. The Company continually monitors the market risk of its hedging activities.

Gold put options

Agnico-Eagle's portfolio of put option contracts was entered into to establish a minimum price which the Company will receive from the sale of its gold production. The contracts expire monthly based on planned production volumes.

Silver and base metal option contracts

Agnico-Eagle's silver and base metal derivatives portfolio was unwound during 2003 at a net cost of nil.

As at December 31, 2003, Agnico-Eagle's derivative financial instruments relating to metals consisted of the following:

| | Expected Maturity | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| Gold | | | | |
| Put options purchased | | | | |
| Amount hedged (ounces) | 136,644 | 190,020 | 152,340 | 131,280 |
| Average price (\$/ounce) | \$260 | \$260 | \$260 | \$260 |

Subsequent to year end, the Company entered into derivative contracts to eliminate the negative effects of price fluctuations on a portion of its 2004 copper production. The Company purchased put option contracts which hedge 2.9 million pounds of copper production in 2004 and establish a minimum price of \$1.04 per pound. The maximum premium payable under these derivative contracts is \$0.4 million.

Foreign currency hedging program

Agnico-Eagle generates almost all of its revenue in US dollars. The Company's LaRonde Mine and Exploration Division both have Canadian dollar requirements for capital and operating expenditures. Agnico-Eagle entered into a series of put and call option contracts to hedge a monthly sum of Canadian dollar expenditures based on forecasted Canadian dollar requirements.

At December 31, 2003, Agnico-Eagle's consolidated foreign-currency hedging program consisted of the following:

| | Expected Maturity | | |
|---|-------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| US\$ call options sold | | | |
| Amount (thousands) | \$24,000 | \$12,000 | \$12,000 |
| US\$/C\$ weighted average exchange rate | 1.6390 | 1.6050 | 1.6475 |
| US\$ put options purchased | | | |
| Amount (thousands) | \$24,000 | \$12,000 | \$12,000 |
| US\$/C\$ weighted average exchange rate | 1.5900 | 1.5000 | 1.5600 |
| US\$ put options sold | | | |
| Amount (thousands) | — | \$12,000 | — |
| US\$/C\$ weighted average exchange rate | — | 1.3700 | — |

Subsequent to year end, the Company entered into forward contracts to hedge additional Canadian dollar expenditures forecasted for 2004. These contracts hedge \$10 million at a US\$/C\$ exchange rate of 1.35. These contracts were entered into at a cost of nil.

At December 31, 2003, the aggregate unrealized loss of the net market value of Agnico-Eagle's metals derivative position amounted to \$6.8 million (2002 — nil). The Company's unrealized gain on its foreign exchange hedge position at December 31, 2003 was \$10.0 million (2002 — \$(3.5) million). Since the Company uses only over-the-counter instruments, the fair value of individual hedging instruments is based on readily available market values.

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The following table shows the changes in the fair values of derivative instruments recorded in the financial statements. The fair values of recorded derivative related assets and liabilities reflect the netting of the fair values of individual derivative financial instruments.

| | Metals | | Foreign Exchange | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| Fair value, beginning year | (26) | 4,633 | (3,477) | (4,312) |
| Instruments entered into or settled | 1,861 | (1,602) | 2,807 | (473) |
| Changes in fair value | (1,166) | (3,057) | 7,574 | 1,308 |
| Fair value, end of year | 669 | (26) | 6,904 | (3,477) |

Agnico-Eagle's exposure to interest rate risk at December 31, 2002 relates to its short-term investments of \$106.6 million (2002 — \$144.7 million). The Company's short-term investments have a fixed weighted average interest rate of 0.90% (2002 — 2.29%) for a period of 17 days (2002 — 37 days).

In addition, Agnico-Eagle has outstanding letters of credit amounting to C\$11.8 million relating to the Executives Plan (2002 — C\$11.8 million) for which fees vary up to 2.25% per annum.

The fair values of Agnico-Eagle's current financial assets and liabilities approximate their carrying values as at December 31, 2003. The fair value of Agnico-Eagle's senior convertible debentures at December 31, 2003 is \$152.4 million (2002 — \$178.3 million).

10. ACQUISITIONS

In the third quarter of 2003, the Company purchased from Barrick Gold Corporation a 100% interest in Barrick's Bousquet Property, immediately to the west and south of Agnico-Eagle's 100% owned LaRonde Mine in northwestern Québec. Agnico-Eagle also acquired used machinery and equipment from the now closed Bousquet Mines including underground rolling stock and the headframe at Bousquet 2. In addition to the Bousquet Mine assets, Agnico-Eagle also purchased certain of Barrick's regional exploration properties.

The primary reason for the acquisition was to enhance the Company's regional development. With this acquisition, the Company now controls 100% of over 14 miles of contiguous favourable geology along the prolific Cadillac-Bousquet Gold Belt which hosts the Company's 100% owned LaRonde Mine. With this transaction, the Company also has the dominant land position on the Cadillac-Larder Lake Break immediately to the south which hosts the Company's 100% owned Lapa property.

The Company's financial statements do not include pro-forma results of operations from this acquisition as there are currently no mining activities on any of the acquired properties.

The following represents the purchase price allocation for the acquisition;

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Cash | \$ 3,665 |
| 125,612 Agnico-Eagle shares (valued at \$11.67 per share) | 1,466 |
| Transaction costs | 225 |
| | <u>\$ 5,356</u> |
| <i>Allocation of purchase price</i> | |
| Buildings and property | \$ 843 |
| Production equipment | 1,499 |
| Head-frame and related infrastructure | 3,463 |
| Mining properties | 5,813 |
| Liabilities assumed | (6,262) |
| | <u>\$ 5,356</u> |

Also in 2003, the Company purchased a 100% interest in the Lapa property from Breakwater Resources Inc. for \$9.1 million (including \$0.2 million of transaction costs). The entire purchase price has been classified as mining properties. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company will have to pay contingent consideration of \$1 million if the published Inferred Mineral Resource on the property reaches 2,000,000 ounces of gold. This payment would reduce any future royalties payable should the property reach commercial production.

